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BETWEEN OURSELVES

The weather is too hot right at this season of the year to throw the old think-works into high gear. Let's take a sleepy, long-distance view of things.

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The plight of the man who was unable to see the forest because there were so many trees is often cited. We are all more or less in the same fix most of the time. It is pretty hard to get a clear view of the whole picture—the road humanity has travelled thus far; the curve of progress, be it up or down; its probable future course. Why? Because of the march of seemingly portentous events which clutter up the foreground; each appearing to be of vast importance because of its nearness. A tiny pebble held close to the eye can blot out the whole rim of the sea's horizon, the whole inverted bowl of Heaven. A year of failure—while it lasts—can eclipse thirty years of success and contentment which have preceded it, hide from view the years of happiness which are to follow.

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We all know what a band-saw looks like; a long steel ribbon with thousands of tiny teeth. Imagine it entwined in the branches of a bush or vine, one end on the earth, the other at the vine's highest point, with many a loop and sag between. Our life—the life of our generation—is represented by three or four of the tiny teeth. To us they are great hills and valleys; hills of successful years, valleys of unsuccessful ones. As they are the only part of the long journey we know, scant wonder they seem all-important. But now and then, if just for a moment, it is worth while to stand off and look at them in their true perspective—an infinitesimal part of the whole.

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To an ant a spear of grass is an Empire State Building; to man the span of a lifetime is a beginning and an end, a completed cycle; to the philosopher a world war, a world depression, an age of steam, an age of electricity are a few jagged peaks and valleys in the long plotted curve of History; but to a God the earth is a speck of dust whirling in unbounded immensity, its beginning in molten gas, its ending in frozen ashes spanning but an hour of eternity.

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Back to earth! What of it? say you. Does that help fill my belly when I'm hungry, or cover my back when I'm cold? No. If we are to fill our bellies and warm our backs, we must keep on climbing

laboriously up the sides of three or four of our little saw-teeth. The counsel of sages to stand apart and contemplate only the whole may be all very well for sages whose bellies are never empty or whose backs are never cold. But, on the other hand, to pause now and then for a long-distance view gives us a new slant on what it's all about. It may make us feel pretty small, but the very fact that our mind can grasp the fact of that smallness, can encompass and envision its part in the whole, is proof of our own greatness, of the spark which removes us from the lower beasts, which holds the hope of our destiny.

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"The man in Mars" is a convenient invention. Let us say he has managed to establish a pretty well-ordered state of society. Let us say that by some means or other he is able to perceive and understand what is going on on this sister planet where we live. Would he find a good deal to amaze him and considerable to laugh at? "Let's see," says he, "these folks need about the same things I do to get along and be happy: food, shelter, clothing, good health, work, exercise, play and rest. They seem to have a pretty good planet: all those necessities are present. And they appear to have done a pretty good job at discovering the best means of obtaining them. They have utilized power; they have invented and built machines to multiply production, to speed distribution, to enjoy consumption. But something seems to be wrong. There seems to be a lot of good usable things going to waste and a lot of people in want of them. That's funny; they have plenty of means of transportation to shift the stuff around. Why don't they do it? Wait a minute, what's this? Here are a lot of zig-zag lines they've drawn all over the surface of their little globe. They call them 'nations.' For some reason or other they can't—or think they can't—move any of the stuff across those lines. That's funny too; their little sphere is small enough in all conscience—just a little speck in space like my own. They say it all has to do with 'money.' They seem to be all snarled up with this 'money' thing like a freshman with an algebra problem, haven't the least idea how to handle it or even what it is. They don't eat it, wear it, or ride in it, but they're having a heluva stew over it, don't seem to get the hang of it at all somehow. Seems to me I remember hearing we got into a jam like that here on Mars about a hundred thousand years ago.

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"Oh well, they'll learn; they haven't done so bad so far. Let's take another look at them in ten thousand years or so."

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So as we jump back into the daily grind to earn the baby new shoes, to pay the butcher and the gas bill; let's not get too het up over the pebbles held over our eye to shut out the view: the so-called "crucial", "epoch-making" events of the day. They look big: they're close to. After all, our job is to cling to the slippery side of our tooth in the saw, knowing that even if it is only one tooth, even so, were it not for that tooth, and a lot more like it, there would be no saw at all.

CONCORD CONVENTION

THE CONCORD REUNION

Another gala reunion of the veterans of the old Yankee Division has gone down in history, with its work and play, its music and flashing color, its excitement and laughter and fun. Bald heads and pot-bellies have failed to conceal the same old spirit of friendship which lives on underneath. We may be too old to hike thirty miles with a full pack, or sleep on wet earth without catching pneumonia, but not too old to stay up three days and two nights in a row, raising particular hell with not more than two hours' sleep.

You know, when you sit down at a typewriter more than four weeks after a convention is over and try to hammer out a red-hot account of what it was like—it isn't exactly the easiest job in the world. So much of the spirit of the thing resides in the exhilaration of the moment: if only there were somebody self-sacrificing enough to get the story onto paper while he was in the midst of it—then we'd have a convention story as would be a convention story. But no such martyr is yours truly; he goes to a convention to get the kick out of it, not as a "job". So we'll have to put up with warmed-over hash; if the flickering lightning of those high moments when every newly glimpsed familiar face seemed as dear as a brother—every mad prank or stale anecdote the very acme of wit and humor, if these are missing from the written word, it is because of their ethereal nature. You just have to be there to know what it's like; if you *were* there you *do* know, if you were not, we cannot make you feel it.

In smaller bits here and there, you will find separate accounts of the different events. This story is merely a general account of nothing in particular.

We suppose it is little short of blasphemy to violate the tradition of all organization publications which is to proclaim in a string of superlatives that each succeeding convention is "unquestionably the greatest ever held," "far beyond anything we've had before," etc., etc. Nevertheless, we're going to break it. The Concord Convention did not equal the Portland Convention. And before another word is said, we hasten to add that such was not due in even the smallest degree to any fault of the splendid Conven-

tion Committee or the wonderful program which they laid out and carried through almost faultlessly. Your correspondent is not voicing his own opinion. He has asked scores, and the answer almost without exception has been, "It was great; I had a wonderful time; but it couldn't touch Portland." Why?

Well, there were a lot of reasons. First, and perhaps most important was the weather, which with the exception of a few hours Saturday morning was pretty lousy. Now you can't lay that against a Convention Committee or anyone else. But a heavy thunder shower descended on the closing half hour of the parade, and dampened the enthusiasm of thousands so far as going out to the Camp Grounds to see the Drum Corps competitions directly afterward was concerned. Then Sunday, with a beautiful outdoor memorial service scheduled and an all-afternoon outing on Lake Winnipesaukee, not to mention an all-YD Drum Corps competition, it poured a cold drizzly northeast rain from early morning until dark.

But there were other things besides the weather to prevent Concord from touching Portland's high-water mark. One was the men themselves. With the exception of Saturday afternoon's parade, there seemed to be little inclination to attend the scheduled events.

The attendance at the two business meetings of the Association was disgraceful. The registration represented a woefully small fraction of the number of YD men in town. And lastly—let us repeat due to no fault of the Convention Committee—the town itself did not seem to have the "it" that Portland had. Of course there is no water-front, no gaily decorated battleships and the flash of foreign uniforms—and in general interest and the opportunity for fun, a town of twenty thousand just can't be a city of seventy-five thousand, no matter how hard it tries.

Enough of crepe-hanging! We had one great time anyhow. The same old hotel-room parties, the same tour of visits from one to another, with song and a bend of the elbow in each; the same mirth provoking antics up and down the main stem from early evening into the small hours. Yes, it was a YD Reunion all right: you never could mistake it.

And one thing more of the greatest importance. Those who make whoopee at a Convention seldom have the picture of what goes on behind the scenes. How was it managed? In other words, "How did you come out?" This simple question means, "Do the books show black or red?" The Concord Convention Corporation had pretty near a bomb-proof lay-out. And it was lucky they did, with the rain keeping thousands of "the gate" away from the competitions, with a scant nine hundred registering out of more than twice that many in town. With all that handicap, it looks as if the books would break even. Next month we can tell you exactly. But a Committee which can organize a Convention in such a way, that after getting about every tough break possible, can still go over the top, deserves the highest praise that can be handed to it. So here's to "Doc" Blood (M), Joe Lucier (HM), and their cohorts: they couldn't help the weather, they couldn't help the lack of co-operation on the part of those who wouldn't register, the "something-for-nothing" guys; but in spite of it all they did one magnificent job, and every YD man is their debtor.

Next year is a long way off. We can hope for no better group to put our 1934 Convention on; but we can hope, a little more spirit of "play-ball" among those who attend. Let's have all the fun we can, but let's remember that it is "our" convention; not a party that some wealthy benefactor is "throwing" for our pleasure.

No hard feelin's against the man who just didn't have the money; and all praise to the loyal nine hundren who signed up. It is only those who could have, but chose to spend their money some other way, who didn't show the right spirit toward the organization that labored hard for a full six months just to give them a good time.

Oh well, it was a great Convention; and next year there'll be another, so why all the post mortems. Let's forget what little should be forgotten and remember what a swell time we had. Let's all get together in 1934.

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION, Y.D.V.A.

What follows makes no pretense of being a chronological account of the protracted and (at times) wearisome procedure of the two business sessions of the YD Veterans Association during the Concord Convention, one on Friday afternoon, June 16, one on Saturday morning.

What was accomplished could have been put through and wound up in an hour, but what with the intermittant arrival of visiting firemen ranging in importance from the Governor of the sovereign state of New Hampshire to a man who, happening to be a German, had served in the German army—the stentorian announcement of each by Sgt.-at-Arms Dan Jones (M), and their triumphal procession to the platform amid the fanfare of trumpets (figuratively speaking), a good many more hours filled in the gaps between the few pieces of real business.

And a whole lot more time was taken in trying to corral and keep in the hall more than about three men. Of course, under the Y.D.V.A. Constitution, which states that "the number present shall constitute a quorum," it is possible for three to conduct the year's business of an organization of 2000. But somehow or other it just doesn't seem to show the right spirit.

It is no doubt true that men going on a Convention don't go for the sake of attending business meetings: they go for a good time. But please, fellas, another year, show enough loyalty to the organization to make at least a decent showing; and we, on our part, will promise to make the meetings shorter and snappier.

Address by Gov. Winant (HM)

To get down to business. Among the guests who addressed the Convention, unquestionably the most outstanding, and the one whose address received the most rapt attention, was His Excellency JOHN G. WINANT (HM), Governor of New Hampshire. Speaking, not as an orator, but as an ex-service man who still yearns to render further service to his state and nation, he left a deep impression on his hearers. Mayor ROBERT W. BROWN (HM) also rang the bell with his few brief, friendly, informal remarks, welcoming the men of the Division to Concord. Both the Governor and the Mayor were introduced by Dr. BLOOD (M), Chairman of the Convention Committee, who, at another time, reported for his Committee on their program, the work that had gone into it, and his hopes that every last one would have a wonderful time in Concord. An attempt to introduce to the Convention the Chairman of each and every sub-committee had to be abandoned for lack of time, but DOINGS hastens to give them the credit due for handling a mighty tough job in a magnificent manner. Other guest speakers were Major COOPER, National Commander of the Legion of Valor; Gen. COLE (LM), Parade Marshal and senior living officer of the Division; the Presidents of several of the official chapters of the Association, and one or two of the Auxiliaries thereof.

The Friday session was called to open with an invocation by Rev. ROYAL K. HAYES (M), candidate for election to the office of Chaplain, in the absence of Chaplain Father "MIKE" O'CONNOR (M), who could not attend the Convention. Taps was played by "HUBBA" MURPHY (M) (102nd F.A.). An interesting ceremony followed in which Mr. Warren C. King, the "grand old man" of the Portland Chapter, pinned jewel studded YD emblems on the breasts of President BROWN (LM), the Secretary, BILL SNYDER (M), and General SHERBURNE (LM), for "distinguished service."

Hon. Members and Awards of Merit

The more serious business of the Convention, to lump it all together, although as a matter of fact it was interrupted frequently by the formalities of newly arriving guests, consisted of the following:

Reports of Secretary, Treasurer and President were read and approved.

Governor WINANT (HM), Mayor BROWN (HM), and "JOE" LUCIER (HM), the hard-working, ever-smiling Secretary of the Convention Corporation, were awarded a Certificate of Honorary Membership in the YD Veterans Association, as unanimously voted at an earlier meeting of the National Executive Committee.

Dr. ROBERT O. BLOOD (M) and LOUIS A. DONAHUE (M) were presented with the newly created Meritorious Service Certificate, in appreciation of their splendid work as Chairmen of the Concord and the Portland Conventions respectively.

The two proposed amendments to the Constitution, printed in full in the two preceding issues of YANKEE DOINGS, were unanimously ratified. One of these makes the President of each official chapter a voting member of the National Executive Committee. The other provides for a "paper" state organization to correlate the activities of the National Association or its chapters within the borders of each New England state.

Charters Granted

Credentials of affiliation as official chapters (charters) were presented to: The YD Club of Lawrence, Mass.; The YD Club of Nashua, N.H.; and the YD Club of Chicago.

A splendid final report of the YD Overseas Memorial Committee (much of which is printed in this number) was submitted but not read in full by Gen. SHERBURNE (LM), Chairman of that Committee since its inception years ago. Upon Gen. SHERBURNE'S (LM) recommendation, it was VOTED to authorize the YD Overseas Memorial Committee to dissolve, its purpose having been brought to a magnificent conclusion.

Col. KEVILLE (LM), unable to be present, had his report of the YD Second Pilgrimage to France Committee read by the Secretary. It recommended postponement of any projected trip to France for at least another year. It was regularly moved, seconded and VOTED to postpone *indefinitely* the proposed second Pilgrimage to France.

Many of the official chapters were called upon for reports, but few had representatives present. FRANK MEREDITH (M) reported briefly for the Southern California Chapter, receiving a great hand as probably the man traveling the furthest distance to attend the Convention. In the absence of President HAROLD SMITH (M), of the Boston Chapter (YD Club of Boston), an informal report was made by Secretary BILL SNYDER (M). Due to the pressure of time, it was unfortunately impossible to call on all the other chapters for a report. The Secretary reported he had on file the report of V. P. JACK B. WOOD (M) of Vermont of the activities in that state during the past year.

Resolutions

A Resolutions Committee, consisting of C. BIRD

KEACH (M), of Providence; Dr. HAROLD W. CROWELL (M) of the Lynn Chapter; WILLIAM J. SAYERS (M), of Manchester; Dr. FORREST L. DRURY (M) of Londonderry, N.H.; and HARRY A. BROWN (M) retired, studied and reported on six resolutions. Action taken was as follows, at the second session on Saturday morning:

A Resolution endorsing a Bill before the National House of Representatives, introduced by Congressman WILLIAM P. CONNERY (M) of Massachusetts, submitted by Dr. JOHN G. W. KNOWLTON (M), which would grant suitable recognition of heroic service to the victims of the voluntary Trench Fever test. Committee report: Unanimously favorable. Convention action. Adoption of Committee report. Committee comment: That any future resolutions endorsing or opposing legislation be accompanied by a copy of the text of said proposed legislation.

A Resolution condemning German persecution of Jews under the Hitler regime, known as the Untermyer resolution, presented in absentia by ALFRED M. E. MEYEROWITZ (M) of Newark, N.J., who stated it had been adopted by many organizations. Committee report: Unanimously adverse. Convention action: Adoption of Committee report. Committee reasons: Resolution not presented in proper form; not within scope of "Purpose of Organization" as defined in Constitution.

A Resolution endorsing a National legislative bill having to do with the floating of Treasury bonds (DOINGS regrets being unable to report authoritatively), presented by JOSEPH CIPRIANO (M). Later withdrawn by sponsor who stated he had information that said legislation had been passed by Congress.

A Resolution calling for the future submission of an amendment to the Constitution which would provide for a different method of nominating officers—from the floor of the Convention by a roll call—rather than by Nominating Committee, presented by JOSEPH CIPRIANO (M). Committee report: Unanimously adverse. Convention action: Considerable debate. On motion by ROLAND CHOATE (LM), duly seconded, it was VOTED that the Resolution be placed on the table (a previous vote had taken the resolution from the Resolutions Committee to the floor). The Chair ruled that a motion to table was undebatable, and the vote was taken.

A Resolution calling for the making of a request of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to name the so-called Circumferential Highway, "General Edwards Memorial Highway" (printed in the last issue of YANKEE DOINGS), submitted by FRED L. JACKSON (M). Committee report: Four in favor, one opposed. Reason for minority: Mr. CROWELL (M) of the Lynn Chapter stated that the YD Club of Lynn had been negotiating to have the Point of Pines Bridge named for General EDWARDS, and did not wish to see this project endangered, otherwise was in favor. Convention action: Referred to the National Executive Committee for final action, to be taken only in conjunction with the Lynn Chapter.

A Resolution of "sincere appreciation" and gratitude to the Concord Convention Committee for its efforts to provide a successful convention presented by CHARLES TOWERS (M) of the Manchester, N. H., Chapter. Committee report: unanimously favorable. Convention action: Adoption of committee report by a rising vote.

Late in the Saturday morning session, a Resolution presented by JOHN J. MAGUIRE (M) condemning ANY CUT WHATSOEVER in the compensation of SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABLED VETERANS was unanimously passed under a suspension of the rules. (It being impossible to submit resolutions to the Committee on the second day of the Convention.)

Next Year's City and Election

After the Secretary had reported that no city or town had complied with the requirements adopted at the Providence Convention that invitations for the next year's Convention must be received in writing at least thirty days prior to the Convention, in order to be acted upon, and after invitations (received later than that time limit) from Montpelier and Rutland, Vermont had been read, it was VOTED that next year's Convention city be selected by the incoming National Executive Committee, with the *suggestion* of the Convention that it be some city in Vermont.

The Report of the Nominating Committee was read, approved. By unanimous vote, the Secretary was instructed to cast one ballot for the entire slate. This he did, announced that he had done so, and the Chair announced the result of the election. (The names of this year's officers will be found in the usual position at the head of the first page of this number.)

President-elect "BILL" BLAKE (M) addressed the few remaining members who had remained at the meeting to this late point, acknowledging the honor he felt, and promising his best efforts.

And that, mates, is about the whole story of the business meetings.

THE AIR SHOW

For those who really saw it, Saturday night's air raid was quite a thrilling feature. We happened to see it from the best point, the airport, and to hear the radio report direct from the plane, "We are now about two miles north of the city; your lights should pick us up at any moment." Then to see the tiny gleaming speck come into the beam of the great searchlights, the anti-air-craft battery open up, to have the plane zoom down seemingly only a few feet over your head, then with a deafening roar climb again—it was really a *show,* and all praise to the 26th Division air squadron who came up and put it on.

THE BIG CONVENTION STREET PARADE

The high point of any veteran convention is "The Parade"; and our Convention at Concord, N. H., came up to—even exceeded—expectations.

Of all the things there are in the world, probably the most futile to waste words in describing is a military parade. Words on paper do not reproduce the throbbing cadence, the flashing color, the seemingly never-ending lines, with some new sensation coming into view every minute. Who wants to know "who were" such and such a resplendent and gorgeous group? They remember them by such expressions as "that corps in crimson and black" or "that tall drum major in cream color and pale blue." We can't tell you who they were, but we can tell you that there were so darn many of them that it seemed to be a whole parade of bands and drum corps, a continuous passing of ever-changing color and music.

So let it go at that. You who were there saw it, or at least the part of it you were in. You who were not have seen other parades, and take it from us, this one measured up to the best of 'em. The route was just about the right length, a little over two miles; the policing of the spectator lines, especially in front of the reviewing stand at the State Capitol, where the entire parade was reviewed by Governor WINANT (HM) and staff, left a good deal of room for improvement, but the marching ranks, the drum corps, bands, and uniformed troops formed an afternoon of color and music such as Concord has seldom seen.

DOINGS has neither the space nor the desire to try to name all the men who deserve to be named: the marshals, staffs and aides of the several Divisions; the places represented by the twenty or more drum corps in line of march. At best it would be laborious writing and dull reading.

The Chief Marshal of the entire parade was Brig. Gen. CHARLES H. COLE (LM); Chairman of the Parade Committee was Adjt. Gen. Howard of New Hampshire. The entire National Guard of New Hampshire, in service uniform with two service bands, formed the first division. Other musical organizations were scattered throughout the other Divisions.

The YD Veterans Division was headed by Pres. WILLIAM J. BROWN (LM) as Marshal, with officers of the Y.D.V.A. and its chapters as his staff. Units marched by their old regimental designations.

A parade is a parade: after it's over why try to breathe life back into it. It is a thing you feel, not a thing to make a mathematical diagram of. Just one word more: all praise to Gen. Howard, Major Morrill and those of the committee who put in so many hours of work perfecting the plans, getting out the orders, etc.; and to Gen. COLE (LM) and every splendid old loyal war horse who came to the fore to serve on his staff or who wrote such wonderfully sincere letters of regret that they could not march with him again; to the scores of musical outfits who made the parade what it was; and to the grand old pot-bellied, slightly middle-aging "gang" of YD vets who still feel the urge to hike through heat or rain for the memory of days that are gone.

THE DRUM CORPS COMPETITIONS

Your correspondent is not a Drum Corps competition fan. The fault is probably his own, but the fact remains that he did elect to spend the latter part of Saturday afternoon in visiting around the hotels, hunting up old friends, rather than going a mile out of town in the rain to see the boys strut their stuff. And no one else has sent in an account of what took place.

From their appearance in the big parade, there was no question but that there were many splendid corps present, and under a brighter sky, it would have been great sport to have seen them in competition.

True to its promise, however, big gate or small gate, the competition committee distributed its prizes. Beverly, Mass., took first prize.

On Sunday, due to even worse weather, and a field soaked with rain, it was necessary to call off the three-cornered "all-YD" competition between Boston, Providence and New Haven. The $100.00 prize money was divided equally. Let's hope that some day these three outfits can battle it out to a finish. New Haven, putting in its first appearance up in these parts, surely is one beautifully equipped outfit.

THE MILITARY BALL

Everybody seemed to be having a great time and the place was packed. That's about all we know about balls anyhow.

Governor WINANT (HM), Mayor BROWN (HM), Dr. BLOOD (M), President BROWN (LM), Gen. COLE (LM), and others formed the receiving line and shook the hands of the hundreds of men and women who passed before them.

The drill team of the YD Club of Lynn, in white trousers and white sweaters executed some intricate manoeuvres under the leadership of Dr. CROWELL (M), bringing forth much deserved applause.

Where all the women come from is always a mystery, but there they were, and everyone was enjoying themselves in the approved style when your reporter "ducked" at an early hour.

THE WINNIPESAUKEE TRIP

It rained on Sunday of the Convention—and how it rained. In spite of this, there were a few who braved the elements to take the trip to Lake Winnipesaukee. They must have gotten a pretty bleak idea of New Hampshire's beauties. It was a damn shame, and that is about all that can be said.

CONVENTION SIDELIGHTS

It's the sidelights that make a Convention.

One bozo with the fixed smile that won't come off, doing his best to keep the front wall of the Eagle Hotel from falling into Main Street, informed Doc. CONNOR (M), "You know, I'm not drunk! "Of course you're not." "No, sir, it's just hay fever. So damn much of this 'Golden Rod' around."

Col. LOUIS BOUTWELL, chief air officer of the new 26th, earned the title of "The Horizontal Aviator," that being his posture in each of twenty hotel rooms he visited during the night hours, within two minutes after arrival. It was a tough war for Louis.

And perhaps, BILL CONNOLLY (M) et al didn't create a sensation up and down the main stem late Saturday night with the old Army cot. They were accompanied by a traditional "weary companion" who, at intervals of fifteen or twenty feet, decided the time was propitious for a rest. Whereupon the cot was gently placed in the middle of the street, the "w.c." reclined thereon, was carefully covered with a blanket, while his companions shus-shushed the by-standers to be silent while he grabbed a few moments nap.

But that wasn't the only attraction for the populace. At another point a bridge game was in progress, the macadam of Main Street as both table and chairs, or rather divans, as the players reposed comfortably, elbow propped on the ground, head in hand.

But another group was more meticulous. They absconded with an ice-cream table and chairs from a neighboring drug store, set them up in the geometrical centre of the street. Their little game was poker, and it continued despite the protestations of a motor cycle cop, who was oh so politely informed to run along and be a good boy.

A B.V.D. clad figure in a red-fire lighted wagon proclaimed the evils of drink between swigs from a tightly clutched bottle to an appreciative audience.

A distinguished Colonel who shall go nameless led a parade of the thirsty down Main Street with a wicker-covered demi-john of Honduras rum slung by his convention cane over one shoulder. Many the pauses for experimentation with the contents. Last seen of the Colonel he was ensconced on a very short lounge in a hotel corridor, stating he had promised to take so-and-so to "Bedford" for a dinner engagement. (It was then 1:30 A.M.)

Wish we could remember more: there were hundreds of like events at the time, but they do have a habit of slipping the memory.

The situation at the Phenix hall dance Saturday night was interesting, so we are informed. A delegation of veterans assumed charge of the proceedings. Clearing the floor of dancers they solemnly deposited a casket in the middle of the hall and conducted a funeral service for a dummy corpse, that is, the article in the coffin looked like a dummy. On the other hand, it may merely have been one of the visiting firemen catching a bit of sleep on the fly so to speak. The orchestra played several syncopated funeral marches in honor of the occasion.

Mrs. Ivo Noyes of 7 Thorndike St., Concord, who housed some of the boys during the Convention, tells the following story. She had been talking with some of her neighbors before the Convention as to the advisability of renting rooms to the fellows. One of the neighbors spoke up and said, "I wouldn't have any of those YD's in my house. They wear those spiked shoes you know. They'll ruin your floors, and probably leave your house full of those cooties we heard so much about."

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Due to the bad weather, Sunday noon's Memorial Service, planned for outdoors, was perforce held inside the Capitol building. The attendance was very small. The meeting was presided over by the Rev. Mr. Lovgren of Concord, and was addressed by Chaplain PAUL MOODY (M), President of Middlebury College, and Chaplain-elect of the Y.D.V.A., ROYAL K. HAYES (M).

We leave this with but one word of comment. If the men of the Yankee Division think only enough of their comrades-in-arms who have gone before to turn out about one dozen strong to a meeting of this sort, it doesn't speak so well as it might for the old Division.

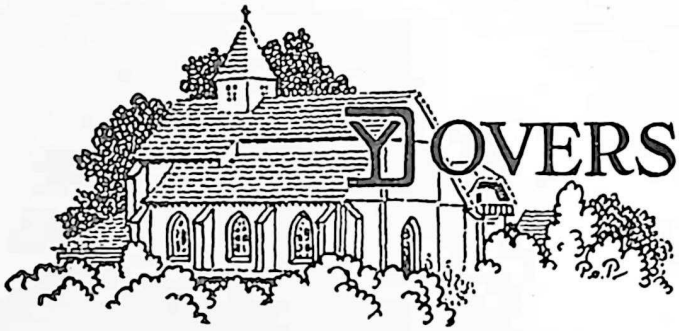
OUTFIT REUNIONS

There seems to be no record at hand of just how many outfits of the old Yankee Division held reunions during the Concord Convention. We know the 103rd Infantry had one, and a hum-dinger at that, from all reports. And notice of several small groups like companies having gotten together has reached DOINGS. But on the whole, except for such reports as will be found under "Outbursts from the Old Outfits," there isn't much authentic information to give out.

THE "HORRIBLES" PARADE

So far as your reporter knows, it just wasn't. In fact, Friday night he made an early exit from the scene, and is in a little doubt as to what went on thereafter.

But it seems there was a slip-up along the line, and this particular event just never did get started, although many were the impromptu parades, not only Friday night but Saturday as well—and some of them were horrible enough.



YD OVERSEAS MEMORIAL

The Village Church, Belleau, France

The task is done! Your Memorial, OUR MEMORIAL, stands completed as the most splendid, unselfish, well organized task that the Yankee Division has done since it was mustered out of khaki.

Relations with France as a whole are not at their happiest to-day; but to-day is only to-day. The death of high-hearted youths, with the vision of sacrifice in their souls is for neither yesterday, to-day nor to-morrow: it stands for eternity. And standing as its visible symbol is this little unpretentious house of worship, in all its final perfection. Within its walls are inscribed the names of our dead, hang the flags of our nation, France, and our New England States, and within those walls words of baptism, wedlock or requiem will be said over generations yet unborn who may come to live in the village of Belleau—won for the Allied arms by the Twenty-Sixth Division.

Outside a tablet proclaims it to be the Yankee Division Memorial. Otherwise it belongs to Belleau. No vainglorious Memorial this, but one of touching reverence and beauty, and one which rather than reminding those who see it every day of the pride of another's achievement will serve them as the very core of their communal life.

Because of the triumphal conclusion of this long and arduous project, because of the fact the YD Overseas Memorial Committee, by its own request, has been granted permission by the YD Veterans Association to consider its task done and to dissolve, because such dissolution has taken place:—YANKEE DOINGS takes pride this month in devoting a generous portion of space to a summary of the closing details of completion and enhancement.

But before going on to quote from these letters, let each and every one of us pause just one minute to salute the faithful few who have done a man's size job in a man's way: Gen. JOHN H. SHERBURNE (LM); Col. WILLIAM J. KEVILLE (LM); RALPH M. EASTMAN (M); BERNARD S. CARTER (LM); Mons. d'Estailleur (HM), the architect; Mons. Edmond Nouvellon (HM); Mons. Desforges (HM), Maire de Belleau; and Maitre Joseph Houlard (HM). Also the other members of the Overseas Memorial Committee, the Souvenir de Belleau, and the thousands whose pennies and dollars built up the fund which erected the Memorial Church.

The four French gentlemen whose names appear in the foregoing paragraph with the (HM) of Honorary Membership in the YD Veterans Association appended, were thus recognized by official vote of the Concord Convention, upon the recommendation of General SHERBURNE (LM), for the loyalty and sincere help they had given to the Memorial project throughout.

YANKEE DOINGS has received several documents concerning the final development of the Memorial during the present Spring and Summer, the transfer of the title of the property to the Commune de Belleau, and accounts of certain hitherto unpublished ceremonies and pleasing interchanges of courtesy, all of which are of such lasting historical interest in the annals of the Yankee Division that they are published here.

Exterior Work

The first is a letter from BERNARD CARTER (LM), to Gen. SHERBURNE (LM), dated March 21, 1933:

> M. d'Estailleur has just been in to see me, and tells me that the work on the enclosing walls is now practically finished, and that at the time of writing the wire grill work is in place. Mr. d'Estailleur is most enthusiastic about the appearance which the new walls present. He says that the pictures do not really do the general effect justice.
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> By a certain amount of juggling, he thinks it would be possible to plant four or five good-sized trees in the grounds, in such positions as to frame the Church from various points of view. Furthermore, he believes there will be enough money to plant a lawn immediately.
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> The gate into the church property has been changed from being directly in front of the Church to the corner near the village. This change was expressly requested by the Municipal Council of Belleau, who thought that the gate thus placed would link the Church more closely to the village. Mr. d'Estailleur was skeptical regarding the appearance which this would present, but on studying the question in the locality, he says that the

corner gate is a great improvement. I am sending you under separate cover the designs for the shields which will appear on the gate posts, and which have been designed by M. d'Estailleur. As you will see, the style corresponds exactly with the carving on the Memorial Tablets.

M. d'Estailleur believes that after all this work is done, the town will still have something like Frs. 20,000 left. This they are to use under M. d'Estailleur's supervision in finishing up the interior of the Church. For instance, they intend to set up a beautiful antique communion rail which existed in the old Church. They furthermore have asked M. d'Estailleur to design a small pulpit of stone. M. d'Estailleur has found a simple old design from the refectory of the Monastery of Cluny, which he thinks could be placed against the niche on the right of the column by the altar. It will be very low and unobtrusive.

M. d'Estailleur will forward me in due course the estimates for lighting and heating for which you asked. However, without wishing to give us advice, he does not think that either of these things is necessary at least for the time being. He considers it more important that some sort of fund for the upkeep of the Church should be constituted, and turned over to the Association du Souvenir de Belleau as Trustees. Unfortunately, the town of Belleau is not entitled to turn over to this Fund any of the money received from the Government for completing the work. M. d'Estailleur thought, however, that it would be possible to induce the Bishop of Soissons to turn over to us the Frs. 30,000 which he received from the Bishop of Toledo. In his opinion, our conversation with the Bishop of Soissons would be facilitated if a sum, however small, could be turned over as a contribution to the upkeep fund by the YD Memorial.

I might mention that the present contract includes the planting of a low hawthorn hedge inside the wall which will greatly soften the general effect. Then of course with grass and trees, I am sure that we shall have reason to be really proud of the Memorial.

Terms of Title Deed

The following is a summary of the terms under which the title to the church property has been turned over to the Commune of Belleau:

FIRST QUESTION

Under the terms of the agreements entered into between the Association du Souvenir de Belleau and the Commune of Belleau, what are the rights and obligations arising therefrom?

ANSWER

The gift of the Church by the Association du Souvenir de Belleau in accordance with the deed received by Maître Bapst, Notary of Château-Thierry, was made under the following essential conditions:

1. The Church shall be maintained and reserved in perpetuity for the observance of the faith and in memory of the battles fought by the 26th Division of the American Army during the course of the War in 1914 and 1918 and, should this cease to be the case, the Church would return, in property, to the Association du Souvenir de Belleau or to its successors.
2. All commemorative tablets, pictures, inscriptions and every other place in the Church having a commemorative character shall never be suppressed, modified or covered.
3. Individuals, Associations or other Groups shall be expressly forbidden to place monuments, tablets or other commemorative objects in the Church and/or the land upon which the said Church is erected without first obtaining the consent of the Association du Souvenir de Belleau or of its successors.
4. The Commune de Belleau shall, as soon as possible, utilize for the purposes of the Church the entire amount of War Damages to which the Commune is entitled in respect of its Church.
5. Indemnities in respect of buildings damaged as a result of the War, shall be utilized in carrying out work still remaining to be done, for embellishments, for enclosing walls or supporting walls and this by the Coöperative de Reconstruction de Belleau under the supervision of the Architect to the Association du Souvenir de Belleau, at the present time Mr. d'Estailleur, in accordance with his indications and in agreement with the Souvenir de Belleau.

SECOND QUESTION

Who are the present Members of the Association du Souvenir de Belleau?

ANSWER

The present Members of the Association du Souvenir de Belleau are those who drew up its statutes:

M. du Boisrouvray
M. Benoist d'Azy
M. Carter
M. d'Estailleur
M. Houlard

and all other persons having adhered to the statutes.

THIRD QUESTION

Are there any powers which the Association

Commemorative Américaine should transfer prior to its dissolution, to the Association du Souvenir de Belleau?

ANSWER

The Association Commemorative Américaine is not called upon to transmit any powers to the Association du Souvenir de Belleau.

FOURTH QUESTION

Is the matter of the transfer of the Title Deeds to the Commune de Belleau now definitely terminated?

ANSWER

Yes.

Next is another letter from BERNARD S. CARTER (LM) to Gen. SHERBURNE (LM), dated May 8, 1933:

I received last month a letter from Mr. Desforges, the Mayor of Belleau, notifying me that the Municipal Council of Belleau had voted to confer upon you and upon me the title of "Honorary Citizen of Belleau." I suppose this would be equivalent to our "Freedom of the City." Their purpose in doing this is to express the gratitude of all the inhabitants of Belleau for the gift of the church and their appreciation of the fact that we had decided to transfer the title of the church definitively to the village.

Mr. Desforges explained that he would like me to come to Belleau on Whit Sunday (June 4th) so that he could confer this honour on me, and also that he might hand me the documents relative to your new honour. I have accepted this invitation, and so far Benoist d'Azy has also agreed to come out with me. I told Mr. Desforges how greatly flattered I was at this touching gesture on the part of the Commune of Belleau, and that I felt sure that you would also greatly appreciate it.

I went out to Belleau last Saturday with Lovering Hill, who was formerly in the Division Artillery. We were greeted by Mr. Desforges most hospitably and inspected the church again with great admiration. In my mind the new windows are a great success, and the interior of the church would, I know, give you great satisfaction. It now really looks like a church which is used and we found it no longer has the messy and somewhat haphazard appearance which some of our comrades have criticised in the past. It is obvious that the people of the town have really taken hold and are showing a personal interest in the upkeep of the building. As I reported to you previously they are planning to put up a small pulpit in the same design as the baptismal font and also to re-erect the very beautiful iron altar rails which existed in the old church and which have been repaired. The thick white paint has been scraped off a fine old wooden crucifix which is now hung over the entrance door and looks very well.

As for the exterior, the retaining wall, grill-work and gate, as well as all the grading are now completely finished. Although they naturally look a bit new and shiny they are certainly a great improvement as they bind the church together and yet link it more closely to the village. I believe that the idea of putting the gate in the corner of the grounds nearest the village was excellent. The planting which they have planned has unfortunately not been done as yet, owing to the great drought which we have experienced during March and April. However, the soil is all ready for seeding the grass, and the gravel paths are all laid out. Mr. Desforges promised that at least the grass would be seeded within the next few days as the rain has now started. They are planning to plant a hedge inside the fence which will be a great improvement. They are hesitating between yew and blackthorn. The blackthorn would grow quicker, but the yew would I think be preferable as it would be green all the year round. The trees have not yet been planted, but Mr. Desforges still hopes that it will not be too late to put them in this Spring. At the latest, however, he promised they would be planted at the proper time next Fall.

Mr. Desforges asked me whether JUDSON HANNIGAN (M) had done anything further about the scroll for the "Sons & Daughters of the YD and Belleau." Mrs. Desforges is apparently expecting a baby next month. If it is a girl Mr. Desforges at first suggested that he would be very pleased if you would consent to be her Godfather. He asked whether you were a Catholic, and I said that I did not think you were. Apparently it is essential that the Godfather should be Catholic. I think the Mayor's idea is very touching. He is a fine person, and, as you know, has handled himself very well.

Gen. Sherburne (LM) and Capt. Carter (LM) Made Honorary Citizens of Belleau

A third letter from Capt. CARTER (LM), bears the date of June 8:

I am sending you by to-morrow's steamer (the SS. Europa) the glass plates taken by the photographer of Château-Thierry of the Memorial Tablets in the church at Belleau. I think it is quite remarkable how clearly he has been able to photograph the Memorial Tablets, as nearly all the names seem to be clearly decipherable.

Last Sunday DU BOISROUVRAY (HM) and his wife, BENOIST D'AZY (HM), and D'ESTAILLEUR (HM) and his wife lunched with us at my house at Senlis. After lunch we motored over to Belleau, where we arrived in time for the Archers' ceremony at the church. Over thirty Companies of Archers were represented for the ceremony, and there was such a

mass of people that we were hardly able to crowd ourselves into the church. It was all most picturesque and friendly, for each Archery Company was represented by its Captain and its flag. The church was decorated with French and American flags and I heard many words of sincere praise for our Memorial.

An eloquent sermon was preached by one of the local clergy, who spoke in moving terms of the 26th Division. After the church ceremony, we all marched in procession through the village which was decorated with French and American flags to the village cemetery, where a wreath was placed on the tombs of the men of Belleau killed in the War and who were buried there. We then proceeded to the archery range where we were all asked to shoot a traditional arrow at the target. The notables included the Senator of the Aisne, Mr. Hachette, and of course all the other local dignitaries.

We then returned to the church through the village where the Bouquets Provinciaux of past years were replaced in the church. They had been carried in procession by young girls and some of them dated back to the early part of the 19th century. This year's trophy which is being offered for competition by the village of Belleau consists of a very charming wooden model of the Belleau church, exact in every detail. It will of course become the property of the village whose Company wins the Archery Competition.

From the church we proceeded to a tent on the village square where the traditional "Vin d'Honneur" was offered by the village. As there were two or three hundred archers crammed into the tent, as well as most of the inhabitants of the countryside, you can imagine how crowded we were. The 26th Division party, i. e. DU BOISROUVRAY (HM), as President of the Association du Souvenir de Belleau, BENOIST D'AZY (HM), D'ESTAILLEUR (HM) and myself were placed at the head table, and speeches ensued. The Mayor made a really striking little speech in which he referred in terms of deepest gratitude to all that the 26th Division had done for his village. He then announced that you [Gen. SHERBURNE (LM)] had been accorded the dignity of Honorary Citizen of Belleau by the unanimous vote of the Municipal Council. This was greeted with loud applause. He then made the same announcement about me, and handed me a very tastefully printed booklet with the photograph of Belleau church on the front page. Your own booklet will be sent to you direct by the Maire, as he thought it would be more personal than if he gave it to me to be forwarded to you. After the Maire, the Senator spoke and referred with feeling to the YD Division and to the other Honorary Citizens of Belleau buried on the hill above the village.

The whole thing was really beautifully done, and I wish that more Members of the Division could have been present. It was all very simple, touching and genuine.

The church itself looks better every time I see it. The yew hedge inside the wall has now been planted. It is of course still rather sparse and undergrown, but the Maire assures me that within a year's time it will make a real hedge. The grass has also been planted, but owing to the dry weather we have been having, it has not yet shown much progress. Some of the corner planting has also been done and makes our ground look much less bare.

As regards the Maire's child, he had a son born on Decoration Day. This is his fourth son, and although he hoped for a girl, he is naturally very proud of it. Unfortunately, this seems to eliminate for the time being the possibility of Colonel KEVILLE (LM) acting as Godfather, for according to French custom a boy can only have one Godfather and he must be a member of the family. We must hope for better luck next time, however.

It was the earnest intention of YANKEE DOINGS to publish also in this number, in full, the final report of the Overseas Memorial Incorporated, as submitted by Gen. SHERBURNE (LM), at the Fourteenth Annual Convention, Y.D.V.A., at Concord, N. H. But the above excerpts have run to such length that it is found necessary to postpone such publication until the September number. In that issue you will find this report together with at least a picture or two of the final appearance of the Memorial.

In that way, the two issues together will form a completed story of the Overseas Memorial project from beginning to end, the biggest and finest thing the Division has done since the War, and will be worthy of careful preservation among the records of every member of the Association.

ENGINEER WELFARE ASSOCIATION

The last meeting for the season of the 101st Engineers Welfare Ass'n was held at the Armory, June 5.

A very impressive Memorial Service was held. After the services we had our annual election: President, Mrs. Mary Lyndell; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Catherine Collins; Recording Sec., Miss Anna Ellis; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. Bertha Kenney; Treasurer, Mrs. George Parsons; Mrs. Mary Lyndell was re-elected and we are indeed fortunate to have her for our President again next year. She has been an efficient and a conscientious worker for the good of the Auxiliary.

Refreshments were served after the meeting.

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EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

I have been a hold-out for a good many years but hereafter I'll try to be a regular. Here's the 2 bucks. Send along the DOINGS.

JACK ADAMS (M) is responsible for this sudden flow of heavy money. He has been loaning DOINGS to me for the last 4 or 5 months, but no more borrowing for me.

—ELMER G. HOLMES (M)
(L Co., 101st Inf.)

New Rochelle, N. Y.
July 8

SIXTH ANNUAL "FORT DEVENS DAY"

It was the same old story—but ever new. Each year, under the auspices of the YD Club of Boston, on the second Sunday of the new 26th Division's annual tour of duty, the "old guard", thousands strong, go up to visit their old stamping ground at Deven's, give the youngsters the once over, visit around with those of their own who still sport the O.D., (most of them wearing bars, oak leaves, eagles or stars to-day) in the old familiar atmosphere of barrack and drill field; and to show the kids "how we used to do it."

This year it was Sunday, July 16, and the usual convoy of flag decorated cars left the YD Club on Huntington Avenue at promptly 9:30 A.M., led by convoy marshals WALLEY DAY (M) and BEN JAMES (M), riding just ahead of the day's guest of honor, Gen. "CHARLIE" COLE (LM), who was to head the veteran group as their senior (and one of their best-loved) officers of war days.

But this group was but a drop in the bucket compared to the hundreds of other cars converging on Devens from all points of the compass. Devens Day has come to be a tradition: everybody knows about it, and most everybody manages to get there.

At approximately noon, Gen. COLE (LM), representing the entire veteran delegation, was received on Edmunds Field in front of Divisional Headquarters by Maj. Gen. FISH (LM) C.G. of the 26th Division, Col. BLAKE (M) of the Divisional Staff (and President of the YD Veterans Association), Capt. WILLIAM J. BROWN (LM), A.D.C., and ex-president, Y.D.V.A., and Captain HAROLD J. SMITH (M), 26th Div. Tank Co., and President of the YD Club of Boston. The group then inspected a composite company from the 181st Infantry, detailed as Guard of Honor under the command of Patrick F. Ahearn of Worcester, which was drawn up on Edmunds Field.

At a Memorial Service, stirring tribute was paid to the memory of Father "BILLY" FARRELL, absent from this year's camp for the first time, who died last winter. The principal speakers were Brig. Gen. Fr. MICHAEL J. O'CONNOR (M) retired Division Chaplain, and Captain BILL BROWN (LM). During the ceremony 30 pigeons bearing bits of red, white and blue ribbon were released and encircled the field.

Col. LOUIS BOUTWELL flew a plane low over the field and dropped a message from Maj. EDWIN S. COOPER, National Commander of the Legion of Valor. Taps were sounded by buglers of the 181st Infantry to close the ceremony.

Gen. COLE (LM) and several other distinguished guests and members of committees were guests of Gen. FISH (LM) at mess, while hundreds of others hunted up old pals, and ate army style right in the good old soup line. Box lunches were also provided at a nominal sum. Everywhere one spotted the now famous YD berets, BILL SNYDER (M) and GUY WATTS (LM) reporting a complete sell-out long before the day was over.

Of course the day's big event, as always, was the afternoon review. And again the lead-off feature was the parade of the little tots, the "sons and daughters" of the Division. BILL BROWN (LM) (presumably by virtue of having four of his own) acted as "right guide" for this beautiful part of the ceremony. And do those youngsters get a kick out of strutting their stuff.

Then the vets! Headed by Gen. JOHN D. MURPHY (M), on they came, hundreds, perhaps thousands of 'em, who bothered to count! Out of step, laughing, smoking, shouting; the guerre is finis for them—no more march discipline, but a lot of fun! Drawn up to do honor to the job they did back in 1918 stood the whole massed ranks of Massachusetts citizen soldier Division. And to take their "Eyes Right" stood Gen. "CHARLIE" COLE (LM) loved and admired by all. At his side stood the phantom shadow of an erect figure with close cropped gray mustache and twinkling eye. The inward eye could see him there: "The Old Man".

Came the big show! The review of the new Division. Now no halting steps or broken cadence but the full swinging rhythm of youth. Here were soldiers—such as once we were; untried perhaps by battle, but clear eyed and clean limbed, ready if they be needed. For the first time the thrill of galloping horses as the massed phalanx of artillery breaks into double-time to clear the field was missing. For the horse has gone. Not a single horse, riding or draft, appeared on the review field. And thus has passed another bit of color from the army. But the steel helmets, the fixed bayonets, the evenly dressed ranks, the blare of music provided the same old thrill. It was a great show.

One note of sadness was injected by the death, on the day before, of the father of Brig. Gen. ARTHUR DESMOND (M), C.G. of the 51st Inf. Brig. Gen. DESMOND's (M) place at the head of the brigade was taken by Col. Henry C. Bacon.

In the evening, for those who stayed, an A-1 card of wrestling bouts had been arranged. All through the late afternoon and evening carloads of departing "old-timers" were wending their way homeward—another "Devens Day" behind them.

The Committee in charge: Boston end: BILL SNYDER (M), JOHN KELLY (M), WALLY DAY (M), BEN JAMES (M); Devens end: Capt. BILL BROWN (LM), Col. BILL BLAKE (M), Col. CHOQUETTE.

GRAND REUNION OF THE 101ST INFANTRY

Framingham Muster Field, Sept. 8, 9, 10

Life is just one reunion after another. First the 102nd and the 104th along in April; then the big YD Convention in June, and now, looming in the very near foreground, appears the approaching "big time" of Boston's Own old 101st Infantry.

When this regiment throws a party it's something to write home about. Remember Fitchburg and South Boston! So draw up a chair, children, and listen to what the committee has to say. After you have read it, if you miss being in Framingham on September 8, 9 and 10, it must be because of spavins or the galloping dandruff.

On Sept. 8, 9, 10, 1933, the 101st Inf. A.E.F. Veterans Association of the old 26th Division is to hold a triple celebration on the State Muster Field in Framingham, Mass. On these dates they will celebrate the sixteenth anniversary of the consolidation of the old 5th and 9th Massachusetts Regiments, thereby creating the 101st Inf. of the 26th Division.

They will also celebrate the 16th anniversary of the sailing of this organization to France and the fifteenth anniversary of the first All-American battle; the battle of St. Mihiel.

The 101st is also inviting every man who was mustered or encamped on this old State muster field from the days long before the Spanish American War, to return and once more pass in review on the field for Old Times Sake.

An invitation has been extended to the surviving members of the original Princess Pat Regiment of Canada to be our guest. A group of veterans of the Armies and Navies of every country who participated in the World War are to take part, as well as a large representation from the Chinese settlement of Boston. Every unit of the old 26th Division has been invited as well as the entire Massachusetts department of the American Legion; Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars; Disabled American Veterans and the United States Spanish War Veterans and Veterans of the Philippine Insurrection and it is hoped that the new 26th Division will act as an escort for the entire parade.

A very fitting and original memorial service will be presented in honor not only of the dead of Massachusetts, but the dead of our Nation. A hollow square will be formed with one-half of the Veterans on the east; one-half on the west; on the north will be the entire consolidated bugle and drum corps and on the south side of the square, consolidated bands. In the center of the square will be an entire tribe of full-blooded American Indians. The ceremony will open with a brief address; the consolidated bugle and drum corps will play *Semper Fidelis*. The Indians will then perform one of their ancient Tribal Ceremonies in honor of the dead after which the consolidated bands will play the *Star-Spangled Banner;* and in conclusion, twenty buglers will sound taps.

To our knowledge, this is the first time that the original Americans "Indians" have performed a like memorial service in honor of those who have become Americans by adoption and given their lives for their adopted country.

The Committee is giving $600.00 in prizes for bugle and drum corps and bands who participated in the parade.

There is to be a clam-bake on the old muster field, fire works and free wrestling. Tents are to be erected as headquarters for every unit which accepts the invitation of our committee.

An invitation is extended through YANKEE DOINGS to the units of the Yankee Division who find it possible to participate with us in Framingham, Mass., on this gala occasion; also a special invitation to all those, regardless of where they may reside, who ever encamped on that field, to be sure to return, and once more join their comrades passing in review.

Remember the dates: Sept. 8, 9, 10.

THOS. F. O'MALLEY
Sec.

TWENTY-SIXTH DIVISION MILITARY SERVICE MEDAL

"An Emblem of Distinction"

The first lot of 150 of these beautiful and distinctive new medals were gobbled up so quickly that an order for 100 more was rushed through in a hurry.

The price is $1.50 to members (paid-up); $2.00 to other eligible YD men. You will want one for your collection. What is especially valuable about them is that the greatest of care is being taken that not one of them gets into the hands of any person who is not a bona fide overseas veteran of the Twenty-Sixth Division. It is as truly evidence of service in the YD as your army discharge, (and much more beautiful).

No definite steps have yet been taken to get out the little regimental clasps to attach to the ribbon so that the regiment you were in shall also be evident. When these are ready, which should be before the next publication of YANKEE DOINGS, announcement will be made. If a man served in more than one outfit, he will be eligible to a bar for each.

But mail orders for the medal itself can now be filled promptly. Use the blank printed on back cover.

OUR READERS SAY

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CRITICAL OF CONVENTION BUSINESS MEETINGS

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

Well the Convention is but a memory, and what a memory. As much as I hate to criticize, it would bother my conscience if I failed to do so. Of all the meetings I have ever attended I believe the business meeting of our association was the most disgraceful of all. I believe there is a time and place for everything, but at a business meeting of our Association the business should be conducted in a respectful manner. Not that I want to pat myself on the back but I have worked hard down here in Lynn to sell the idea of joining the Y.D.V.A., and in my sales talk I brought out the point very strongly that no YD buddy would be allowed into the Convention meeting unless he was a paid up member of the Y.D.V.A. This point alone enabled me to get at least 75% of the Lynn members to join. And what happened? Any YD buddy was allowed into the meeting, some of them not even having paid their 25c dues to the Lynn Club and even though a man did not belong to the YD he could come into the meeting. Some fellows even got up and addressed the chair and were recognized and they were not Y.D.V.A. or club members. Such conditions are against the Constitution or by-laws of our association. The Portland convention was a credit to the association but this Concord business meeting was no credit, but a disgrace. If the association hopes to obtain new members it will have to have its business meetings at the convention conducted like a business meeting and not like child's play. You sent us a copy of the by-laws which we make every attempt to uphold, but for some of the members as well as myself they don't mean a thing after attending the business meeting at Concord.

Let's hope that next year things are different as I do not wish to have my sales talk in obtaining new members stepped on. I am heart and soul sold on the Y.D.V.A. and I am working out a new plan to obtain more members, but such a demonstration as Concord's business meeting will ruin my plans if it occurs again. No member of our Lynn Chapter was called on or recognized and we certainly are a live wire chapter and hope to continue to be more so.

—RAY DOUCETTE (M)

Lynn, Mass.
June 22.

"LEAVE ALL RANK BEHIND"

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

It is not with any envy or jealously that I write you to protest the habit that is prevalent at the Club at monthly smokers when members of the Club are called upon and referred to by rank, such as "Captain Smith" and "Major Jones."

It is my recollection that when the Club was built, General EDWARDS suggested that there be inscribed in a suitable place the words, "All ye who enter here, leave rank behind."

It is bad enough in a place like the YD Club when one of the members is referred to with his war rank earned in battle, but it seems worse when a member is referred to and is addressed with some rank that he has received in the National Guard or Reserve Officers Corp since the War.

Further, I think it gives a more of a club atmosphere if a person spoken of or addressed is called Bill Jones or Tom Smith.

"THE DRONE"—V. B. HITCHINS (M)

FEARS HE MAY HAVE CAUSED COMRADES' DEATH

The following letter has been received from JOHN E. HICKEY (D Co., 101st Inf.), whose present address is Box 303, Sta. A., Marshalltown, Iowa:

"The only names I can remember of old D Co. are those of TOM MCDEVITT, BARKER, MATTY RAY, FOSTER, and MCMULLEN. The latter three were killed up in the Argonne in November, 1918. It has been a question in my mind ever since if I may not have been the instrument of their death. It was not my fault. As I remember the night of November 5, 1918, MATTY RAY, FOSTER and MCMULLEN were in a shell hole to the left of me with two others, whose names I cannot recall.

"Anyway, our section got into a jam on this particular night. A machine gun to the right and rear of us opened up on the hole we were in, and one of the guys who was with me beat a rear march on me. As he pulled out of the shell hole to leave us, I stuck my trench-knife into his left shoulder and also cut the palm of his right hand. I kept this knife in the hole with me until daylight. The other guy with me was knocked out some way—I don't remember how.

"But anyway, I got into a cross-fire from both right and left, but I finally silenced both sides. I don't know how I ever did it, as that night has always been a nightmare to me: I still live it over and over. As it was on this night that poor old MATTY, who was my real pal got his, I have often wondered if they (he and the others in his shell-hole) opened up on me, not knowing who it was, while I was having my trouble and that I returned the fire and killed all three.

"This has been my secret all these years. I feel that in telling it to you and your Association I am telling my troubles to my friends who will understand what a load I am carrying, as I will never know whether I am to blame or not for the death of MATTY RAY and the other two boys who were with him."

Are any of the survivors of that small group in the shell hole that night among the readers of DOINGS—the other two or three who were with RAY, FOSTER and MCMULLEN when they were killed? Or does any other man of D Co. know who they were or where they are to-day? It seems improbable that one man, in the darkness, could have killed three others, unless perhaps grenades were thrown. An interesting sequel to this story can be told if the man can be found who can tell it.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW TREASURER

When I was notified of having been nominated for this office, the Secretary had the following paragraph in his letter:

"It is hoped that the Treasurer will take a large share of the financial responsibility for the organization, in making suggestions for obtaining revenue and perhaps still further cutting of expenses."

I was rather alarmed to read "that the Treasurer will take a large share of the financial responsibility." But reading on, I regained hope and confidence.

It is absolutely necessary and vital, if the Y.D.V.A. is to carry on, that we secure additional revenue. The way to do this, and it is rather obvious, is to increase our membership. The fee is only two bucks a year or four cents a week, to secure membership in that exclusive organization known as the Y.D.V.A. We were all proud to have served in the YD. We should be still prouder to carry on as members of the Y.D.V.A. You know as well as I do, that a great many of our friends, neighbors and acquaintances would give anything to be eligible for membership in the Y.D.V.A. So let's get after our buddies, who are not members, and sign them up. Let's make our membership TEN THOUSAND STRONG by the end of this year. Then we will have an organization that will be a power in the community, state and nation.

—E. A. ERLANDSON (M)
(101st Engrs.)

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Y.D.V.A. on the date this issue goes to press (exclusive of the YD Club of Boston) is about 80 below what it was a year ago on the same date.

True to the threat in the last issue, this number is not being mailed to those who, since April 1, have not renewed for the current year. It isn't we wouldn't like to be able to do it: just can't, that's all. So there's not much sense in talking about unpaid dues here. The unpaid ones will not be reached by it.

But you good, loyal old-timers, who have shipped for another year's cruise: try and get the others back in, won't you. "POP" PALMSTROM's (M) wonderful cartoon, "Share the Load as Well as the Fun" which you saw in Concord, tells the story. Send this issue to a prospective member. Drop him a line and tell him about the YD Veterans Association. Tell him to climb aboard and send his dues ($2.00 beyond 15 miles from Boston) to the Y.D.V.A., 200 Huntington Ave., Boston.

Another stunt is being tried out. Several men, with the interest of the organization at heart, have sent in a few dollars to help out. Instead of entering this as "Contributions," they are asked to name men they would like to have receive a year's free membership (one man for each $2.00). It makes the books look better to see it entered as "Membership," and it gives us a chance to get them interested so that next year they'll sign up again.

It certainly doesn't seem asking very much to ask each member to get just ONE MORE. But it has been asked so many times with so little result that it seems hopeless to ask it again. Help out, will you?

QUESTIONS ACCURACY OF DATES IN SEICHEPREY ARTICLE

The following is from GEORGE K. MITCHELL (M) of Los Angeles:

"Mr. Bidwell's account of the Seicheprey battle in the June issue of DOINGS was incorrect as to date. The battle started on the morning of April 20th and not the night of April 18th as the account reads. On page 20 under 'Other Seicheprey Observances Throughout Connecticut,' the date of April 18th as the fifteenth anniversary of the battle, is also wrong. April 20th is 'kee-reck' and the correction is offered only in the interest of accuracy. If you want to check on the date ask any of the boys who were up there under that murderous fire."

EMERSON G. TAYLOR's "New England in France" confirms Mr. MITCHELL (M). The date given is April 20.

(ED. DOINGS)

"GOOD JOKE, EH BOSS?"

According to the Akron (Ohio) *Beacon Journal*, friends of E. F. Tomlinson have received this announcement:

THE TOMLINSON PRODUCTION CO.,
448 Malvern Road, Akron, Ohio
Announces The 1933 Tomlinson "Baby Boy"—
Model Number One
E. F. Tomlinson, Designer and Chief Engineer; Dorothy Tomlinson, Production Manager; Dr. Leslie E. Bottsford, Technical Assistant.
Model Released, Jan. 19, 1933

Two lung power — free squealing — Scream line body — Double bawl bearing — Economical feed — Water-cooled exhaust—Changeable seat cover. The management assures the public there will be no new models during balance of year.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

In accordance with the suggestion made by then-President BILL BROWN (LM) at the Concord Convention, and for the purpose of creating a little rivalry among the different elements of the 26th Division, an analysis of the membership has been made, and is printed below.

On December 31, 1932, the "peak" point of membership for the year which ended on April 1, 1933, the Y.D.V.A. had 1695 members, exclusive of Life Members. Of these, 539 held their Y.D.V.A. membership by virtue of membership in the YD Club of Boston (CH).

According to a table prepared by BILL HACKETT (M), under the instructions of the last administration, these 1695 were divided among the outfits of the Division as follows:

Headquarters, 26th Division	42
Headquarters Troop	15
Headquarters, 51st Infantry Brigade	2
101st Infantry	238
102nd Infantry	91
102nd Machine Gun Battalion	60
Headquarters 52nd Infantry Brigade	4
103rd Infantry	164
104th Infantry	236
103rd Machine Gun Battalion	30
Headquarters 51st Field Artillery Brigade	8
101st Field Artillery	146
102nd Field Artillery	74
103rd Field Artillery	93
101st Trench Mortar Battery	11
101st Engineers	230
101st Field Signal Battalion	59
101st Machine Gun Battalion	29
101st Train Headquarters	6
101st Military Police	11
101st Ammunition Train	40
101st Supply Train	14
101st Sanitary Train	10
101st Field Hospital	6
102nd Field Hospital	2
103rd Field Hospital	6
104th Field Hospital	6
101st Ambulance Company	3
102nd Aumbulance Company	12
103rd Ambulance Company	9
104th Ambulance Company	8
Miscellaneous	29
Total	1695

Ten organizations constitute 82% of the total membership. These ten, with the per cent of the total which each one represents, are given in the following table:

	Per Cent
101st Infantry	.14
104th Infantry	.14
101st Engineers	.136
103rd Infantry	.096
101st Field artillery	.086
103rd Field Artillery	.054
102nd Infantry	.053
102nd Field Artillery	.043
102nd Machine Gun Battalion	.035
101st Field Signal Battalion	.035
First Ten	82%

As yet no table has been prepared to show the comparative strength of the several organizations in proportion to their war time size. It is evident however that the Engineer regiment (war strength 1696) has a larger proportion of members for its size (13.6% of the whole) than an infantry regiment which had roughly 3000 war strength. A table to show this more accurately will be prepared and published.

NEW CHAPLAIN OF Y.D.V.A. A MAN OF PARTS

Rev. ROYAL K. HAYES (M), the new Chaplain of the YD Veterans Association, was introduced to many a "re-uning" group, in many a Concord hotel room as: "Meet our new Chaplain; the man who knows more about sin than any other man in the YD."

That statement takes in a lot of territory, but if it had been said "the man who knows something about more different subjects than any man in the YD," it would have hit pretty close to the mark.

"Royal," as he still is and always will be to the crowd, has had a lot of living packed into his—thus far—short life. Deserting a highly successful business career a few years ago he embraced his first ideal: a life of study, contemplation, interpretation, theology, philosophy, leavened by a degree of intense mental and bodily activity which finds its outlet in writing, speaking and first-hand research into sociological and economic conditions.

DOINGS has at hand extracts from an address on the practical working philosophy of life to-day which he delivered at the Memorial Day exercises in the Hillside Congregational Church of his native town of Dracut, Mass.

At present he is living in Greenwich Village, N.Y., endeavoring to get first-hand data for future articles and addresses. He has promised DOINGS a series of short articles on such subjects as Communism, social conditions, etc.

A FREE MEMBERSHIP AWAITS SOME 101ST SUP. TR. MAN

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

We are indeed proud to announce the arrival of another YD rooter on April 22, to RALPH (M) and FRANCES TURGEON. His name is Frank Achille Turgeon.

If it may help to stimulate interest in your membership drive this year, and rather than pass the cigars around or the above announcement, I will give free to any former member of E Co., 101st Supply Train, a year's membership providing the lucky man acknowledges this letter. The first name to arrive at the Club, either by letter or in person, will be given the membership with my compliments.

Detroit —RALPH A. TURGEON (M)
May 31

YD POST 290, AMERICAN LEGION

The regular meeting of YD Post 290, A. L. was held the evening of June 12. The finance officer's report showed that the Post was $1.05 in debt.

Report on membership by V. C. SOUSA indicated that there are 338 paid-up members for the year of 1933.

It was voted not to turn out on Flag Day, because of the limited time. It was voted that a letter be sent to the Ladies Auxiliary, thanking them for the luncheon served to the members of the Post after Memorial Day services, May 30.

Commander KING thanked the members of the Post and Drum Corps for the splendid appearance they made at the dedication ceremonies of Lieut. J. Edward Murray Circle, Sunday, May 21, at Jamaica Plain. Comrade LAWLOR spoke enthusiastically on the 101st Inf. Veterans reunion to be held at the old Muster Field in Framingham in Sept., and urged all the members to co-operate in making it a success.

At the meeting of June 25, the Commander thanked the members of the Drum Corps and Post for attending the Y.D.V.A. reunion in Concord, N.H.

Comrade JIM SULLIVAN, under the head of new business, gave a veritable peroration on the splendid speech Commander Peter Pate delivered at the recent V.F.W. Convention, condemning Senator Walsh for the adverse attitude he took in the recent veteran legislation at Washington. SULLIVAN was warmly applauded at the conclusion of his speech.

A meeting was held on the evening of July 10. The Finance Officer's report showed a balance on hand of $3.82. V. C. SOUSA reported for the Readville Field Day: accepted as one of progress.

Comrade SULLIVAN, newly elected general manager of the Bugle and Drum Corps, reported for same.

It was moved by Comrade DUNCAN and seconded that a rising vote of confidence be given the Bugle and Drum Corps. So voted.

The Drum Corps has performed creditably in Nashua, Springfield and Winchester the past month and are rehearsing diligently for many other competitions and the contest at the State Legion Convention next month.

—M. J. M. (M)

"SHORTS"

"PHIL" LEFEBVRE (M) (104th Amb. Co., 101st F.H.), is back at his home in Providence after serving five months in the U. S. Customs Service at Fort Kent, Maine, on the Canadian border, taking the place of another YD man, WILBUR WEBSTER. He reports a number of YD men in the border service up that way: WILBUR WEBSTER and ROBERT LANDERS at Fort Kent; EARL DUDLEY at Calais; Inspector FINDLEY at Van Buren, and Inspector NICHOLS at Calais.

HAROLD F. AMES (M) (B Co., 101st Engrs.) is stationed at Camp Custer, Mich., as Commanding Officer of Co. 688, of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

An inquiry has been received from JOHN W. SCHNEIDER (Med. Det. 101st Amm. Tr.) of Louisville, Ky., regarding the probable date of the next YD Pilgrimage to France. As voted by the Concord Convention, this Pilgrimage has now been indefinitely postponed.

G. D. GUSTAFSON (M) of Oakland, Calif., writes that he handed his Convention copy of DOINGS to THOMAS L. BARRY (C Co., 102nd Inf.) who was in a German prison camp with one of the men mentioned by Dan Bidwell in his account of the Seicheprey engagement. BARRY is Commander of a V.F.W. Post in Oakland.

A letter from HARRY W. BUGBEE (M) (104th Inf.), the Y.D.V.A's new V.P. for Vermont, relates that the Concord Convention resulted in a friendly rivalry between himself and Mrs. Bugbee, each of whom received a blank to sign up a new member. Mrs. Bugbee got hers first by dint of a little astute "horse-trading" worthy of a Vermont Yankee. Seems the quarry fell into the trap by appearing at the door selling the Sat-eve-post. Whether he sold a subscription to that worthy contemporary or not, deponent sayeth not, but he departed from the door to discover that *he* had taken a membership in the Y.D.V.A. and a subscription to that other worthy sheet, YANKEE DOINGS.

CONGRATULATIONS

HARRY J. MITCHELL (M) (C Co., 103rd Inf.), of Attleboro, Mass., was married on April 8, to Miss Florence Pearl Cole, also of Attleboro. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell will reside in Chicago where Mr. Cole is employed by the R. F. Simmons Co., and where he is also a member of the new Chicago Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

Mr. and Mrs. LAWRENCE A. WAGNER (M) (104th Inf.) of Holyoke, report the arrival of an eight pound son on July 3. Larry is, as most every one knows, the permanent and highly capable Adjutant of the 104th Infantry Veterans Association.

TAPS

One of the Yankee Division's outstanding war heroes answered "Last Call", when, on June 17, during the National YD Convention, Sergeant JOHN A. DICKERMAN, formerly of Headquarters Co., 104th Infantry, died at his home in West Somerville. On April 12, 1918, near Apremont, he came under a direct burst of shell fire and sustained 42 wounds. As a result he lost one eye, one arm, one leg. Thus maimed, he carried on to become Commander of the George Dilboy Post, V.F.W. of Somerville, and to devote his life to the welfare of disabled veterans. He was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart by

the American Government, the Croix de Guerre by France, and was cited in General Orders, G.H.Q. He leaves a wife and four children. The military funeral accorded him by his host of friends and admirers was testimony of the esteem and affection in which he was held.

JOSEPH GAVIN, formerly of B Co., 101st Infantry, died on April 20. Funeral services were held on April 23, at which a large number of his former comrades of B Co. gathered to pay their final respects.

WILLIAM J. BELL, formerly of I Co., 102nd Infantry, died in Pittsfield, Mass., and was accorded a military funeral by Pittsfield Post, A.L., on June 10. No known relatives of the deceased have been located, according to information received from JOHN A. NOONAN (M) of Pittsfield.

HENRY I. PHILBROOK, formerly of F Co., 101st Engineers, died at his home in Center Conway, N.H., on November 3, 1932, after a lingering illness. Burial was in Center Conway.

HARRY MCWHIRK, formerly of A Co., 101st Infantry, died at the Chelsea Naval Hospital on June 21. Funeral services were held from his home in Dorchester on Saturday, June 24, attended by many members of A Company, and Charlestown Post, V.F.W.

JAMES BUCHANAN, formerly of M Co., 104th Infantry, died at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Sunmount, N. Y., on June 11. Badly gassed at Chateau-Thierry, he has practically been confined to hospitals since the war. Burial was in North Adams, Mass.

The sympathy of the members of the Boston YD Club is extended to JOHN MORRIS (M) (101st Engrs.), in the death of his small son. Mr. and Mrs. Morris wish to express their appreciation of the floral tribute given by members of the Club.

The sympathy of the 101st Infantry and members of the YD Club is extended to Brig. Gen. ARTHUR DESMOND (M) (101st Inf.) in the loss, on July 15, of his father.

AMONG THE YD CLUBS AND CHAPTERS

LIST OF OFFICIAL CHAPTERS

The following are the only organizations at present holding "Certificates of Affiliation" (charters) as official chapters of the Yankee Division Veterans Association, under the terms of the Constitution:

YD Club of Boston.
YD Club of Washington, D. C.
YD Club of Portland, Maine
YD Club of Springfield, Mass.
Southern California Chapter, Y.D.V.A.
YD Club of Lynn, Mass.
YD Club of Manchester, N. H.
YD Club of Concord, N. H.
YD Club of Lawrence, Mass.
YD Club of Chicago
YD Club of Nashua, N. H.

An application for recognition has been received from the "YD Club of Waterville, Maine," which will be acted upon at the first meeting of the National Executive Committee.

Chapters are in the process of formation in: Lowell, Mass., Worcester, Mass., Gloucester, Mass., Salem, Mass., and there is preliminary talk of organization in other places.

YD CLUB OF BOSTON (CH)

At last it's come true! That clean-up, paint-up attack that DOINGS has told of so many times it has ceased to be funny. They're at it, and when the crowd assembles at the first smoker of the Fall, they're not going to know the place. The pool room, library, smoking room and office have gone under the wash-cloth and the paint brush, with a result little short of amazing.

The pool room has been done over to resemble a grillroom (or night club as some of the irreverent ones would have it) with blue woodwork, and bronze-colored Craftex walls. The library and main lounge or smoking-room is being done with ivory woodwork and Craftex walls of a somewhat lighter color than the pool room. What is to happen to the office we don't know yet, but expect to be dispossessed momentarily.

The floors are to be re-covered with linoleum, and the furniture has long since gone to the repair shop for surgical operations, bone setting and skin grafting.

So screw your courage up for a big surprise when you drift in this Fall. And when you see what a real Club looks like, then will be the time to get going to bring in a whole raft of new members. The YD Club of Boston has more to offer them in the way of a Clubhouse than at any time since the early days of the old grillroom and all the other fancy fixin's of its early youth.

YD CLUB OF CHICAGO (CH)

Seventeen former members of the 26th Division met at the Illinois Athletic Club in Chicago, May 23, and took preliminary action to organize a local chapter of the Y.D.V.A. They met at the call of T. H. SHEPPARD (M), (A Co., 102nd N. G. Bn.); F. L. FOLEY (M), (F Co., 102nd Inf.); W. C. CROWELL (M), (M.G. Co., 101st Inf.), and C. A. BUSH (M), (C Batt., 101st F.A.), who constituted themselves the organization committee.

Mr. CROWELL (M) was elected Temporary Chairman, and Mr. BUSH (M), Secretary-Treasurer. The first Monday of each month was set as the regular meeting date. A permanent organization and regular officers are to be adopted at the second meeting, called for Monday, June 5.

All the members of the organization committee

were present and thirteen others responded. The 102nd Infantry was in overwhelming majority. Former members of this outfit who turned out included FOLEY (M), FRANK COLUMBO (M), (F Co.); ELMO V. CLUTTERHAM (A Co.); T. J. CANNAVEN (D Co.); F. D. O'CONNELL (L Co.); CARL F. GERSTNER (A Co.); JOHN J. LYONS (A Co.); and HENRY B. REINEKE (M), (G Co.).

Others attending were T. E. DOUGLAS (C Batt., 101st F.A.); EUGENE E. ADAMSON (C Co., 104th Inf.); HARRY N. PRITZKER (M), (M Co., 104th Inf.); ALBERT A. ORSESKY JR. (M), (G Co., 103rd Inf.); ERNEST KENTWORTZ (M), (101st M.O.R.S.); WILLIAM A. BRADY (M), (101st F. Sig. Bn.), and T. H. SHEPPARD (M), (102nd M.G. Bn.).

Names of a number of other former YD men living in this vicinity were handed in. Enthusiasm ran high, and everything indicates a thriving organization.

At the June meeting, formal application for a charter was drawn up and signed. Charter was granted and forwarded by Y.D.V.A.

No report of July 11 meeting has been received at time of going to press.

The Chicago Chapter is making elaborate preparations to entertain YD men who attend the Legion National Convention in October. A banquet is among the events planned. If you are going to the Legion Convention in Chicago, drop a line to CLARENCE A. BUSH (M), 8143 Manistee Ave., Chicago, Ill. Help out this fine bunch of fellows who are eager to be your host, by letting them know how many to expect.

YD CLUB OF PORTLAND (CH)

The regular monthly meeting of the Club was held at the Elks Club on Free Street, Tuesday evening, May 23.

At our last meeting, YD Jewels were presented to the following Honorary Members by the Club: WARREN C. KING and THOMAS F. KENNON (HM).

WILLARD P. LOVEJOY's (M) shop at 386 Cumberland Ave., is the everyday "P.C." for the YD crowd.

Many of the crowd have received notice that their generous "Uncle" has elected them to the "Order of the Double Cross." Will Sol Bloom give them another medal?

BOB WEYMOUTH (F Co., 103rd Inf.) is happy at being able to be back at his work once more.

Capt. NORTON (F Co., 103rd Inf.) of Dover-Foxcroft, would like to see any YD buddies at his store, when they are in town.

We were surprised to see ROY ROLLINS (F Co., 103rd Inf.) at our Minstrel show. Did he come all the way from Calif?

Speaking of F Co., that outfit has the largest membership in the Club—seven members.

Col. HUME (103rd Inf.) was the Memorial Day speaker at the exercises held at West Buxton, Maine, under the direction of HAROLD F. HUTCHINSON Post, Am. Legion. Harold was a member of F Co., 103rd Inf.

When you go through Abbott on your way to Moosehead Lake, stop off and see PHIL TOZIER (F Co., 103rd Inf.). RAY AMES and JOE MORSE (same outfit) also call that place home.

On a midnight ride from Old Orchard to Portland via the Cascades Road, we noticed a "YD Garage." Who is the owner?

When in North Conway, N. H., call on AL HOWARD (101st Engrs.). He has a paint shop that is worth seeing.

Who is the buddy from Connecticut that has the initials "YD" on his license plate? He went through Portland so fast we could not find out his name.

LEON E. HALL (F Co., 103rd Inf.) and CHAS. MILLER (101st Engrs.) have been fired from the Howitzer Co., 103rd Inf., M.N.G., and Batt. I, 240th C.A.C., respectively, by the orders of the National Economy League. Slow but sure, the old-timers are being forced out.

F.M.D.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER (CH)

President JOHN FOX (M) left here on June 24, by auto for the World's Fair at Chicago. From there he will drive to Boston, arriving there sometime during August, and visit you at the Club.

You will be interested to know that this Chapter is now officially the YD Club of *Southern* California, the action on the name change having been taken at the last meeting.

Mrs. Clara D. Locke, widow of Captain ARTHUR F. LOCKE (M Co., 102nd Inf.), left here last Thursday on a trip to France to visit the grave of her valiant husband. We presented her with a traveling set which surprised and pleased her.

When she and MEREDITH (M) and FOX (M) all return, our meetings should be interesting as we listen to the account of their travels.

Things are kind of quiet now, being as it is the middle of the good old summer time. We are meeting as usual but not doing much. Personally, I was for a recess during July and August, but the boys howled it down, so that's that. I think an organization is better for a rest in the hot weather. You take up the work in the Fall with greater zest, or at least I do.

We had a fine meeting on June 21, having as our guests the German Legion and their ladies. We had a fine entertainment which included several reels of movies showing the work done by the Forestry Department and followed by a feed. Our visitors enjoyed the evening immensely, and said so.

—G.K.M. (M)

EDITOR OF YANKEE DOINGS:

This letter is written as a testimonial to the Past President of the YD Chapter of Southern California (CH), Mr. GEORGE K. MITCHELL (M).

Mr. MITCHELL (M) has kept the readers of YANKEE DOINGS informed of our activities out here in the "Silver West"; but, with his usual modesty, has said nothing at all of his own activities, or of the great work he performed in the past two years in organizing this Chapter.

As a member of the 104th Ambulance Co., in France, Comrade MITCHELL's (M) work is well known, as citations testify. His work here in veteran circles is also well known. He is Recording Secretary of the "Combat Council," and all the time he can spare from his duties as Investigator for the Los Angeles Welfare Bureau, is devoted to the interests of veterans.

The night of May 17th, Colonel MONTEITH (M), (101st Engrs.), presented Comrade MITCHELL (M) with a beautiful YD emblem on behalf of the "Engineers," as a token of their appreciation of his work for the Chapter during his term of office.

Comrade MITCHELL (M), who, with a cigar stuck in his mouth is a perfect double for "Robert Woolsey," the movie comedian, was so overcome that his knees rattled together like a pair of castanets in a Spanish Fandango, but with his usual sang-froid, he rose to the occasion with a neat speech of thanks.

The California Chapter is proud of Comrade MITCHELL (M), and we are taking this means of showing to the world what we think of him.

Wishing success to YANKEE DOINGS and no headaches at the Convention, we remain

In comradeship,

MEMBERS of the SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CHAPTER of the Y.D.V.A.

YD CLUB OF SPRINGFIELD (CH)

At the June 19 meeting of the Springfield YD Club it was voted to hold one meeting a month instead of two, as in the past, on the first Monday night of each month. Nominations for the office of sergeant-at-arms will be in order at the next meeting, due to the fact that the former incumbent of that office, being hard pressed for time, could not attend the scheduled meetings.

Our giving up one meeting night a month at the G.A.R. Hall will afford an opening for our Auxiliary to hold their meetings at that address. They have not been able to get in, there being no time available for them, and have had to rent quarters at no little expense.

Coming into the summer months finds things a little quiet here, but we hope to have plenty of things to talk about as soon as the hot weather is over. About forty members of the Club with the Auxiliary took in the Convention at Concord and needless to say everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. All are looking forward to next year.

JULIAN F. MARTINDALE (M), a member of this Club, deservedly got his name in local and Boston papers when, on July 8, he rescued a 12 year old boy from burial alive in a sand pit at Bircham Bend. Digging with his bare hands, MARTINDALE (M) excavated the boy after a slide had completely buried him, risking his own life in the exploit.

—B.E.J. (M)

YD CLUB OF MANCHESTER N. H. (CH)

Fifty members of the Manchester Club enjoyed a very pleasant meeting on May 24, when BIRD KEACH (M) and CLYDE FREEMAN both of Providence, showed the six reels of motion pictures of the 1929 YD Pilgrimage to France, explaining the scenes as they were shown.

The meeting was presided over by President BILL SAYERS (M).

On June 14, a "Pre-Convention Pep Meeting" brought out the largest attendance to date. Among the speakers were Dr. BLOOD (M), JOE LUCIER (HM), George Conway, and DICK BROWN (M), all members of the Concord Convention Committee. Many new members signed up.

Under the new provision of the Y.D.V.A. by-laws, President BILL SAYERS (M) has appointed SAM MOFFITT (M) as his proxy to sit at meetings of the National Executive Committee during the year. (SAYERS (M) is also a member by virtue of being V.P. for N.H., but as President of the Manchester Chapter he is entitled to another vote).

Pres. SAYERS (M) writes as follows:

> In checking over the registration at Concord the other day, I find that 70 from Manchester registered, 35 of them being Club members. As you know we now have 50 paid-up members.
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> There was a delegation to meet the convoy from Boston at the entrance to the city on June 16, and the convoy was escorted through the city on its way to Concord, some of the party returning to Manchester each evening, among them, General COLE (LM) and Judge LEGGATT (M).
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> There seems to be a new YD spirit since the last two Conventions: everybody is talking about the wonderful times, of the old crowd they haven't seen for a long time, and making plans to attend the next one. Our meetings have been suspended until the fall (October), although we might get together on an outing some time this summer. Quite a few of the boys went to Camp Devens to see the review on July 16, especially the boys from the Artillery, who wanted to see how the new tractors worked out with the guns, and were very much pleased.

YD CLUB OF LOWELL?

Newspaper report (Lowell Courier-Citizen) is the only information DOINGS has to date on the formation of a YD Club in Lowell. An informal preliminary meeting was held on June 22, in the "YD Cafe" at which — the paper reports — the following were

elected temporary officers to form such a chapter: For President, JOHN B. O'DEA; Secretary, TIMOTHY LYNCH. The following were named as an executive committee to organize the chapter: Col. CHARLES A. STEVENS (LM); Judge JOHN C. LEGGATT (M); DORAN S. LYONS (LM); Dr. SCHUYLER R. WALLER (M); DANIEL P. BRENNAN (M); RUSSELL SMITH (M); and JOHN J. MANN.

HAWAIIAN YD GROUP

At an impressive ceremony, solemn high mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Kaimuki, T.H., on Sunday, May 28, for all soldiers and sailors of the United States who have passed beyond. Two YD men, P. F. CASSIDY (M), and LEON F. DENIS (M), attended the ceremonies, Mr. CASSIDY having had much to do with originating, planning, and carrying out the unique ceremony.

YD CLUB OF WORCESTER?

A chapter of the Y.D.V.A. is being formed in Worcester. With a potential membership of 700 to 800, it should be one of the best. Very little authentic information has reached YANKEE DOINGS, except that an organization meeting was held on July 13, in the City Hall, at which time temporary officers were elected.

And unofficially it has been learned that TED NOYES is to take over the job of Secretary, which means that we won't be in the dark long, as Ted is one hard-plugging rooter for the Y.D.V.A. and all connected with it, if ever there was one.

More about it next month.

RHODE ISLAND REDS

Thanks:—BIRD KEACH (M) and Convention Comrades, for resolution commending Hon. WM. CONNERY (M) for his efforts in regards to Trench Fever victims.

EDDIE MCNALLY, the boy who was "champeen" boxer around "Minnie-la-Tour," is now lineman for the Narragansett Electric Company.

BILL MCGREGOR (104th Amb. Co.) is having a very bad time of it with T.B., and I am sure he would appreciate a note from some of his buddies. He lives at 26 Lookout Avenue, North Providence, R. I.

EDDIE MCCARTHY (103rd F.A.) just recovering from a lame back received in his line of duty.

—"TRENCH FEVER" (M)

101ST INFANTRY ITEMS

K COMPANY

"BOOTS" O'TOOLE of "Clinton's Finest" went turtle hunting on his day off and bagged one weighing 52 pounds. "MUTT" RASH will have enough soup meat at his camp at Rocky Pond for the rest of the season. "Boots" is thinking about forming an expedition to South America to try his luck with the alligators and crocodiles of the Amazon.

TOM MAYBERRY is now employed at the Veterans Hospital in Bedford, Mass. He says that the famous Cooper's Stew is now one of the prominent dishes at the hospital, and that he and COOPER are the only ones in possession of the recipe. "BREAKEY" REDDY says that the stew can't be just the same, as the original "bat" has been lost.

"DOLLY" O'TOOLE has opened his alligator farm for the season. He held open-house on May 30, with flag raising and plenty of "seed."

Members of K Company and the Ladies Auxiliary held a very successful whist party and social at PETE SCHOFIELD'S home on Thursday, May 25. If you don't believe it went over big, just ask "SANDY" YOUNG and he will tell you all about the "seconds" on the cake.

Don't forget "St. Mihiel Days" at Framingham, September 8, 9, and 10.

—J.H.M.

103RD INFANTRY

"Vas you there, Sharlie?" *Yes we were there,* and what a time we had at Concord. All hats off to Dr. BLOOD (M), HAROLD BERRIE, and the rest of the 103rd who spent hours and hours this past year in preparing for the old YD. There were a lot of the old men showed up and a lot of them we had not seen for years. From West Salisbury came RAY PRINCE and BERNARD DUNLAP, both of whom run farms and are prospering. ANDY JACKSON, one of the leading N.H. barristers, was back with his old comrades and full of stories as of old.

We saw a lot of the boys on the line of march, which was no mean hike. The 103rd Contingent was lead by Chaplain MOODY (M) and ELIOT CARTER (M).

All along the route we picked up stragglers. Col.

HUME was unable to get there in time for the parade, but did arrive in time for the banquet.

The banquet was held at Beaver Meadow and we could not accommodate all, as they began to pour in at the last minute. There must have been about 175, altho there were comfortable accommodations for only 125. However, we all had a good time renewing acquaintances.

After we had satisfied the inner man, the men adjourned to the veranda where Col. HUME was called on and responded in his usual manner. Chaplain MOODY (M), ELIOT CARTER (M), HAROLD BERRIE (M), JIM MCMAHON (M), and MAC STODDARD, were also called on. Just before the party broke up Gen. COLE (LM) came over, accompanied by Judge LEGGATT (M).

Our old friend "Kiddo" REIL was right on deck as usual. From Maine came the ever faithful FRANK JOCK (M) (A Co.) and WALTER LESSARD (M) of Skowhegan. Both of these men never miss a gathering of this kind. JIM MCMAHON (M) came all the way from Waterville with the Chief of Police ALFRED POIRIER (M) and RALPH BUNTHER.

From Franklin, came practically all the Machine Gun Company. JOHN DODGE, FRED GAUTHIER, BILL ROUTHIER, CONRAD DORVAL, JIMMIE JAMES, RAY WESCOTT, "BLONDY" THACHIER, SHERMAN GALNETT, LES BUCHANAN.

Long, lanky FRED SHAW (M) came all the way from Lewiston to partake in the festivities. Everyone had a good time and it did seem good to see so many of the old-timers.

Please send in all 103rd news direct to PHIL SANBORN, YD Club, or to E. K. HALE, Lisbon Falls, Maine. —E.K.H. (M)

State Police Officer RALPH SULLIVAN (Hq. Co.) has been confined to the Augusta General Hospital with injuries received when he was knocked from his motorcycle in a collision, suffering cuts on the head and two broken ribs.

DONALD C. METCALF (M), former Captain of Hq. Co., has been promoted from Major to Lt. Colonel on Gen. GREENLAW's staff.

DICK FARNHAM (Hq. Co. mounted scouts) has returned from Boston with more horses for his riding academy.

ELTON MARKHAM (E Co.) has a new job in Augusta, since he relinquished his office as sheriff of Somerset County.

MILFRED H. CHILDS (D Co.), Deputy Sheriff of Kennebec County, is attending court in Augusta.
—R.E.C. (M)

A COMPANY

[(M)'s not inserted]

Members of A Company attending the Convention at Concord were NICHOLSON from Washington, D.C.; LANPHIER, LISS, MEEHAIGE and TOUCHETT from Massachusetts; BUSKEY, GAGNON, DUPOINT, LAPOINTE, GLOUDE, LEMIER, GUAY, NORMANDEAU, MARTINEAU, E. DEPELTIEAU, E. MOREL, DUGUS, W. BOISVERT, FARLEN, PARIS, L. HUOT, H. COTE, H. MARTIN, P. ROY, and SPEACE, DUPRIE, F. LEMRANDE and J. PULLIOTT, from New Hampshire. Myself from Maine.

PETER LEVESQUE is a barber in Newmarket, N.H. PERCY HAMEL is a cop in Worcester. FECTEAU is working in Epping, N. H. L. GAGNE is in Somersworth, N. H. GARRETT and MEEHAN are in Los Angeles. "CHICK" POWELL is a sergeant in the Canadian Army. M. P. HEALEY is working at the Bedford Hospital. BARNEY is in Dexter, Maine, while Z. LEMRANDE, P. POTVIN, E. POTVIN, A. HEALEY, LAFOUNTAIN, J. OUILLETTE, L. COUTURE, BISSONETTE, PAYEUR, JUNNEAU, LECLAIR, GAUIN, LABOUNTY, CONSTANCE, A. DEPELTIEAU, CARRIGAN, SAMPSON, and L. PULLIOTT are in Manchester.

At the Legion State Convention in Portland, I saw E. Howe of Bridgton, PARODY of Freeport, ACHORN of Portland and ROBERT EVANS of the Highway Patrol. Missed the YD Drum Corps there.
—F.E.J. (M)

FLICKERS FROM THE 104TH

Commander MARCEL LADOUCEUR (M) appointed the following members of the 104th Veterans Association to represent the organization at the dedication excercises of Mount Greylock War Memorial on June 30th: Commander MARCEL J. LADOUCEUR (M) of Willimansett, Mass.; Past Commander HAROLD G. WOODRUFF of Holyoke; General WILLIAM C. HAYES (M) of Springfield and Past Commander of the Association; Past Commander THOMAS E. BRASSIL of Charlestown, Mass.; Past Commander DANIEL A. JONES (M) of Worcester, Mass.; and Adjutant LAWRENCE A. WAGNER (M) of Holyoke, Mass. Invitations have already been received from Secretary Wendall D. Howie of the State Mt. Greylock Memorial Commission, and the members will go to Adams by two automobiles.
—L.A.W. (M)

102ND FIELD ARTILLERY

Hello, fellow bohunks. The battle of Concord is over. Inflated cocos have shrunken and the illusion of double vision has passed, and so,—focus your glimmers on the names of a few of the mature boys whose audible actions still echo back from the wooded hills of the Granite State.

SANITARY DETACHMENT

Capt. HAROLD "DOC." CONNOR (M), the man that nobody forgets, is the same old amiable Doc. Gray haired, but the youthful chubby cheeks of Mellon's Food baby.

JOHNNY CONDON and GEO. FERGUSON, famous prophylactic experts of Danvers, Mass., acted in a

professional fashion,—doling out spirits of nitre to the sick patients.

HOWARD SANDERSON (M) was reported to be seen scanning the assembly with eagle eyes. I don't know; I lost my eyesight early in the fray.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

Corporal KNOWLTON of Salem, led the boys in their scandalous actions?

Lance Corporal PORTER (M) was the third member of the three musketeers. Just a trio of broken-hearted imbibers looking for their war pals in vain.

MURPHY (M), the Bugler, was the sole representative of the tin horn artists.

SUPPLY COMPANY

The ever faithful ROLLY CHOATE (LM) was there with bells on. Rolly bemoaned the fact that we had no common place of rendezvous. Cheer up Major, we'll have a real old a la New Bedford get-to-gether next year if we have to page "Pansy" Foss from out of the land of forgotten men.

Wagoner ED. CALLAHAN was one of the boys who backed up ROLLY in the parade. He sends greetings to BILL MURPHY, FITZY and the rest of the gang.

One of the visitors was J. T. HOPKINS of Beverly. Joe is on the road carrying a line of textiles. His address is P.O. Box 245, Beverly.

A BATTERY

Messrs LIBBY (M) and REYNOLDS of Amesbury, HOYT from the same village, and HARRY FERGUSON of Manchester, N.H., carried the guidon for the old Haverhill mob. Needless to say the above "Loyaleers" made up in spirit what they lacked in numbers.

Let's get organized, Haverhill. Send the undersigned some news and personals of the old gang. We'll do the rest.

F BATTERY

"Congressman" KING was there with the berries and golf togs, but no clubs. The only clubs he was interested in were those of the nice fraternal kind, like the Elks.

Wildman, "COOK" GAFFNEY, accompanied by the Hula-Hula girls and a magician, partook of all the hospitality in Concord.

Worcester, Haverhill, Lawrence, Lowell, New Bedford! Come to! The bugle is calling "To Arms!" Organize and help us carry on the traditions of the greatest division of them all. Send me in some news. Happy Days.

JIMMY "HUBBER" MURPHY (M)
c/o YD Club

102ND M.G. BATTALION

A COMPANY

CHARLES E. CROCKETT — just Dave to us — has returned after several years with A. C. Lawrence Leather Co. in Chicago, New York, now Boston again. Welcome home, and to Wed. at Noon Chamber of Comerce. Others are welcome.

Tuscon, Arizona, postmark has covered two letters received lately. One from PHIL MCGRATH told of hard luck beyond belief, yet still showed courage typical of YDers. The recent loss of his second oldest girl was a great blow, his wheelchair existence difficult, compensation cuts a prospect. The other letter came from GERALD COURTNEY, best known as a Bn. Adjutant. Fortunately, Jerry is able to practice law but suspects a long road to recovery before Boston can claim him.

Other sickness reports of duration included Col. JOHN R. SANBORN—since May 30th. A call, even a letter, will be appreciated greatly by John at 16 Hatch Road, West Medford. A fine compliment, a serenade by the entire 110th Cavalry Band in his own back yard, recently. Many are the inquiries of your progress, John.

Though many of the original "A" supporters of Y.D.V.A. conventions in other cities than Boston, were absent in Concord, we noticed GUY BEAN (M), "SLOPPSY" COCKLIN (M), KEN FISH, CHARLIE GLEASON (M), ART HAVLIN (M), STEW JOHNSTON (M), RUS JONES, MIKE NORTON, ART PERRINS and TOM ROOT (M). GUY BEAN (M) was elected to the Exec. Comm. and KEN FISH, now of 78 Broadway, Concord, N. H., acted as a host and billeting officer. Only those present know what absentees missed. ART HAVLIN (M) discovered himself appointed on a Com. with Gen. COLE (LM) and Editor PHIL to acknowledge the stupendous work of the Overseas Memorial Com.

Did it ever occur to you to correct the addresses in your History each month as new addresses appear in this column? A correct address may prove invaluable some time.

—A.C.H. (M)

103RD MACHINE GUN B'N.

C COMPANY

The members of the veterans association of C Co., 103rd M.G. Bn., feeling the call of nature in their blood, held their monthly meeting in the wilds of Lincoln Woods, where a buffet lunch of bologna (no shortage noticed) and liverwurst sandwiches, doughnuts, cheese and cake, accompanied by the gurgle of "3.2" by a committee composed of MOODY, WATTS, and KING (M).

Two new faces were present at the meeting: JIM MORAN (M), who is back from Washington while the deck is being shuffled; and P. DUNBAR whom we have not seen since Mexican Border days.

After a demonstration of firecracker throwing by MOODY, reminiscent of the memorable bomb-throwing of SHURTLEFF at Liffol-le-Grand, except that Maj. ASHURST was absent, and so unable, like Abou ben Adhem, to "lead all the rest;" the meeting was finally carried on by the light of fireflies, albeit interrupted by diverse and sundry mysterious visits

to the adjacent woods, and equally mysterious reappearances.

It was finally decided to hold a frankfurt-roast at the same spot next month, the following committee to make arrangements: JIM MORAN (M), HOWARD BOWDER, THEODOSIUS ROBILLETTE. It was also decided to hold a Field Day, the latter part of August, at Quonset Point.

The last sound heard as the roaring motors and droning mosquitoes signalled the departure for home was the voice of "SHRIMP" STANG, our erstwhile mess sergeant, still protesting to the world that he would not be on the sports committee.

ENGINEER ENTRIES

ANTICS OF A

Among those present at the Reunion in Concord was RAY PARKER (M), who had driven up from New Haven, Conn. Ray was driving YD 106, and created some sensation with his license plates.

"CURLY" CURRIER was a member of the Claremont, New Hampshire Drum and Bugle Corps and competed in the contest Saturday afternoon. He was looking fine and reports four members for the Sons and Daughters of YD Veterans Ass'n.

BUZZINGS OF B

"RED" PULSIFER (M), out at Thermal, California reports the birth of a baby girl and states that she is not red-headed. I don't know whether a red-headed father should make such a boast as this or not, but at any rate father and daughter are getting along nicely.

The old wise boy of the company, EDDIE FITZGERALD, stepped a bit fast a while back when he gave up his job with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to take one with the Federal Government just in time to receive a 15% cut put in effect by Roosevelt. Now Eddie is squirming around trying to get back with the Commonwealth. While down in Westbrook, Maine, he saw GEORGE RIDLON, "DOC" POWERS, "PUT" GILMAN and a few of the other original "grangers."

I understand that GEORGE HANLON (M) is in charge of construction work at the Soldiers' Home in Togus, Maine. This doesn't mean that he is doing the job for part of his board, or an inmate of Togus, just merely an outside contract he was lucky enough to get, in these hard times.

The conflict of Concord was no mean offensive, and B Company was obliged to try and "stand up" under some heavy shelling. A number of 3.2% shells landed in the Bee Hive and "Col." HITCHINS (M), D.S.O. (*DiS* Orderly) and "Major" WHITNEY (M), being good soldiers, slept in the wreckage. But low class private FISH being somewhat versed in the proper treatment of the duck, found convenient and very comfortable quarters recently vacated by one BLACKIE—a soldier of the Legion.

May it be remarked that while the shower during the parade failed to dampen the "spirits," the shower of oratory during the business meeting was certainly without "peer," or sumpin.

Next year, should any hardy community have the audacity to extend an invitation to the survivors of the Concord Conflict, let us hope that the "Mish Mish" Bees will bring up reinforcements, because, after all, as the years roll by the boys should be pretty well caught up on their home work.

Among those stumbled over during the heat of battle were ART. BLACKEY, "RED" COLE (M), COOK MACDONALD, THOMPSON and "PUT" GILMAN from Maine. LEROY JOHNSON (M) a native, DICK WELSH, Young Old-Man DOUGHERTY, JIM COFFIN (M).

—"THE DRONE" (M)

CAPERS OF C

It is reported that GLISHECKER has been discovered in Honolulu. Is running an orchestra and doing well.

HOWARD PORTER is now a sewer inspector at Quincy, Mass.

Our friend TOMMY O'HARA got quite a write-up in the Boston papers for his work as a gym leader at the Y. M. C. A. in Boston.

Have heard from WAT CASWELL. Sends his regards to all, and says that some day he'll attend a summer reunion.

Our summer reunion in connection with the Y.D. V.A. Convention at Concord, N. H., on June 17, was very much of a success. We had 26 at dinner at Boscawen. STEWART, UNDERWOOD, PORTER and STORER came down from Maine. HARRY AINSCON (M) was the only local representative. (By the way, Harry is secretary of the new Nashua Y.D.V.A. Chapter.) The rest of the crowd came from Boston. The prize for a first appearance at a reunion goes to KARL WEST. We were glad to see him for the first time since the late unpleasantness.

C. W. H. (M)

DOINGS OF D

Reunions are reunions. They come and go, but 1933 was a honey. All the comrades look forward and anticipate the gathering of their former buddies and for days after they look back and think of the swell time we all had together.

D Company gathered at the Bonney Tavern which was just outside of Concord. They started to arrive Friday and by the time for the parade on Saturday, we numbered around eighty boys from the old outfit.

We left the Tavern with a fine lunch tucked away and headed for Concord, to take our place in line. "Vas we dere?" The D Co. banner carried by MARCHAND, SULLIVAN (M) and KENNY (M) announced to the world who we were, and how! Directly behind came YOULDEN and ST. LAURENT (M), and

our old skipper, CARROLL SWAN (LM), BOHLIN and Major FALES. Next in line was the hit of the parade, our company baby (around 250 lbs.) JIMMIE WALSH dressed up as a Boche prisoner, clothed in a barrel and closely guarded by MURDOCK. They sure got a great hand along the line.

The colors carried by the crack drill team from Wollaston Legion Post in their natty uniforms, caused many a deep sigh from the fair ones as they stepped along. Incidentally COBB, H. CHAPMAN, M. CHAPMAN, SMITH and EATON who composed this group, are all D Company boys.

DALZELL, with his squad of boys carrying the letters spelling "D Company," were right on deck and managed to keep their places.

The barb wire squad had their good points, and if in doubt, ask JOE MAYNE or DON EMERSON who were looking after this detail.

"PEANUT" LYMAN, with his soup kitchen, assisted by PROBERT and LEE MORRIS and our noted driver HARRY EVANS, smoked the town up. Their services were in great demand until the doughnuts and lemonade ran out.

Saturday night found the reunion going at full speed and until the wee hours of the morning.

We would like to know who it was that passed by our place and turned in the fire alarm. There was no sleep for anyone after that horn got through blowing.

Sunday we had our final banquet, and shortly after, the boys started for home all proclaiming it the best reunion ever.

The new officers elected for the coming year are GEORGE ST. LAURENT (M), President; and JAMES WALSH, Sec.-Treas. Give them your co-operation during their term of service.

The following men that were present have not shown up since 1918; LE CLAIR, JIMMIE SEATON, BOOMHAUER, GINGRAS, FOY, DEXTER, STANFORD, CHAUVIN and GEORGE FORTIN.

CARROLL SWAN (LM) was there, and since then has written to the committee stating that it was a wonderful reunion and that it made his heart glad to witness such spirit. He surely hopes that every D Company man will do his utmost to keep up the D Company spirit.

If those who were present and did not join the Y.D.V.A. after witnessing the past conventions would do so now, it would help us carry on the Y.D.V.A. activities so that the future conventions will be greater than the past.

Mr. and Mrs. LYMAN invited seventy-five of the wives and children of D Company to an outing at their summer home located at Sunrise Beach on the South Shore. This outing was a great success and we want to thank Mr. and Mrs. LYMAN for the wonderful job they did. Seventy-five invitations were sent to all married D Company men who live within a reasonable distance—and what a response!

Thirty-two children, from one to ten, showed up and it certainly was a great sight to witness these kiddies enjoying themselves!

Fall in line and help your new officers make 1933-34 full of activity.

—GEORGE E. ST. LAURENT (M), President.
—JAS. G. WALSH, Sec.-Treasurer.

ECHOES OF E

HI LANDON (M), we notice by the papers, was lucky in drawing a horse in the Irish Sweepstakes. That's tough luck in these times!

ALLEN POLLEY'S (M) address is 2204 So. Hoover St., Los Angeles, Calif. HAROLD BROWNSON represented E Company in St. Petersburg, Florida, this past winter. Had a narrow escape with a blow-out but apparently it still holds good that only the good die young.

BILL PLUMMER checks in with a new daughter, so he obviously doesn't spend all his time fishing up there in Bridgton, Maine. He sees ELLIS HARMAN and WIN HIBBARD quite frequently.

We saw in a paper some time ago that LIEUTENANT (1st, at that) HUGH J. ROBERTS was going down to Fort Benning for a junket and incidentally a little study; at the expense of the Government. Don't forget to give him the "high-ball" the next time you see him. And don't make a mistake in the kind of a "high-ball" we mean!

Good old "HICK" WELCH had the misfortune to lose his wife in February. We sent flowers from the Company, and we're sure you all join us in expressing our sympathy to him in his trouble.

GEORGE TARBELL (M) was elected representative from his district and is now hard at work in the Massachusetts Legislature. He's had quite a career in public life, having been Treasurer of the Town of Lincoln for several years.

FRANK VIGON is Commander of the Whitman Post of the Legion and boss of its Drum Corps. In fact he's working so hard we understand his hair is falling out on account of his many worries.

—R.M.E. (M)

FANCIES OF F

It's a long time to think back to the E Co.–F Co. party on May 27. But for that matter, it was just as difficult for yours truly to remember anything about it on the morning of May 28 as it is today on July 14. That's the kind of a party it was (for him anyway).

It has been a long-established custom to name those who attended for either the first time, or the first time in several years. But after about 8:30 all faces looked alike (except that some instinct still told us which was an F Co. man and which came out of E Co.). Seems to me LARRY COTIE (M) and "HONK" MILLER were at least two we remember seeing who have missed most of 'em.

Anyhow, it was a grand time: it must have been: nobody could have got to feeling the way we did unless it was a grand time. It was reported to your correspondent on good authority that the entertainment went a few steps beyond that hitherto offered.

If so, you'll have to take it on their say-so, not ours. Your contributor was also told that he was safely escorted home. This he believes, because the next morning he found himself at home.

Now, under the circumstances, we ask you candidly, can you expect to have much of an account rendered here?

Sorry, but the night of E Co.–F Co. is our "night off." We just ain't on reportorial assignment, and if you want to know what really did happen, drop a line to LEA REDFIELD (M) or some of the others (count 'em on one hand) who still knew what was going on at the end as clearly as at the beginning.

Furthermore, your reporter bats for an absolute triple goose-egg this month. ".000" is his average. Because there was another E Co.– F Co. party—this one at, and during, the Concord YD Convention. And whereas he was present at the one in May—in body even if not in spirit—he attended the one in Concord in neither body nor spirit. His intentions were good, but you know the way time slides by while you're doing this and that, greeting this one and that one, and when he DID get there, the hanged party was all over. Ho-hum, guess we'll take a seat on the wagon for a while—long enough to find out what's going on and give a coherent account of same. It's a shame to waste good money to print this junk. But old F Co. is still on deck: long may it wave.

—P. N. S. (M)

101ST AMMUNITION TRAIN

JOHN J. GURLEY (M) (E Co.), writes from New York City: "I had almost decided to drop out of the Y.D.V.A. One particular reason was that only at rare intervals do I see anything concerning my old outfit, the 101st Ammunition Train. Possibly there is no one interested enough to bother about it; perhaps other reasons prevail. But I'll remit once more anyhow, more out of respect for the YD than anything else. I am also enclosing the dues of a new member, Comrade J. F. O'CONNELL (M) (G Co., 101st Inf.), who was won over for membership by a courteous letter recently sent him by Col. BLAKE (M) concerning compensation reduction. Both O'CONNELL (M) and I are still in Uncle Sam's service as Meat Inspectors.

CLARENCE A. WETMORE (M), who is a patient at the Veterans Hospital in Rutland, Mass., asks to have any of the Ammunition Train boys up that way drop in and see him.

101ST TR. HQ. AND MIL. POL.

[(M)'s not inserted]

CONCORD—"VAS YOU DERE SHARLIE?

Just a few of the sights seen thru a haze at one of the best reunions ever. ("Foggy," you say, sure it was!)

"PORKY" LONG of Portland, Me., seeing the city on the bumper of "JIM" O'TOOLE's car, Jim driving.

GEORGE CALLAHAN of Fitchburg, arriving for the boat ride Sunday, was it very wet "Georgie" (in the lake)?

Capt. "JAWN" DOLAN, of Concord, Mass., in "soup and fish" singing in the rain with Gov. Winant on the reviewing stand. One of the best looking soldiers in the parade leading his outfit, our old partner in crime, NORMAN ANDREWS. Major "Doc" GLASS and Capt. "ART" EWING, the dentist from Framingham, both looking over the situation, (and what a situation). Col. "PHIL" SCHYLER, back, in the best of health.

That boy that has plenty to answer for, PERCY HORNE of Milton, sitting in his car outside the Eagles hotel, singing "Hold Me" for "JIM" O'TOOLE.

The tallest man in Concord that day, "TOM" KEARNS, drum major of the Lowell Legion post, (they won 2nd prize). "JACK" O'DEA of Lowell with his head all bandaged up after an argument with a five-inch cannon cracker; "hard luck," Jack, add another wound stripe for the battle of Concord. "JIM" MCCORMACK, thru a fog (he had a tough night).

"Topkick" BILL MCBRIDE in the Legion home entertaining his wife, (same old "Bill"). "DANNY" BRENNAN and "Doc" COACKLEY of Lowell, looking all around for their little brown jug. "DANNY" MORAN of Fitchburg, dropping firecrackers in the 3.2 to give it more of a "kick," also yelling or singing "All through the night." (He swallowed a fuse in the 3.2.) "GUS" JOHNSON of Gardner, "still shooting them."

"TOM" KENNEDY of Fitchburg, climbing (trying to) the outside of the Eagles hotel.—"BILL" CARLSON, viewed parade from side lines. "He had a sore.....Leg." "JOE" CULLEN of Lowell dashing here and there with firecrackers in one hand and a .....in the other. "Bugler" GRENIER, playing a drum in the Lowell band. HORACE GREELEY, police officer of Concord, N. H., doing police duty along parade route, until the boys dragged him into the parade. "MIKE" SHAMON, strolling along with a paper sunshade, trying to "keep dry." FRANK LAWLOR of Manchester, N. H., "TIM" LYNCH of Lowell "JACK" SULLIVAN and "JACK" O'DEA of Lowell, all lent their physical support (and crutches) to your humble servant in rounding up the boys for the parade, and did we parade? Ask good old COLIN MCISAAC. As we marched down the main street in the parade, all dying with the heat "or sumpin," we spied Colin on the side lines; he joined us, like an east wind on a hot day. He provided the necessary refreshments, "as we went marching on." Bring a knife next time Col. "That's all I can remember." See you all at the 101st Reunion at Framingham, Mass., in September.

—W.F.M. (M)

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